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# SCHOOL'S GOVERNORS REPLY TO RESIDENTS' TRAFFIC COMPLAINTS

**THE governors of Cowbridge Comprehensive School have responded to criticisms made last week in The GEM about new traffic and parking arrangements at the school.**

**In a letter (*page 2*) the chair of governors, Hilary Drew, says that the Vale Council highways department and the police are continuing to look for a solution.**

**However, she says that there is little chance of a rapid change to the situation.**

**The 20-minute window, which is 8.10am–8.30am, when buses and taxis are dropping pupils at the school, remains the main issue.**

**The prevailing safety advice is still that this generates too much pedestrian traffic within the school grounds to safely let in more vehicles.**

**Last week's article also prompted more letters from Cowbridge residents. (*See page 2 and page 4*).**

*A recent tractor run in the Vale raised an amazing £12,000 for a trust fund for the children of a farmer who died in a tragic accident. These children were helping to fundraise on the day. (SEE REPORT ON PAGE 5).*

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# LOCAL PEOPLE NEEDED TO CARE FOR NATURE RESERVE

**PEOPLE in the Cowbridge and rural Vale area are needed to care for a little-known local nature reserve, featuring ancient woodland and meadow, providing an important wildlife habitat.**

The Wildlife Trust of South and West Wales (WTSWW) owns and manages over 80 nature reserves in Wales, covering thousands of hectares of important wildlife habitat.

Vaughn Matthews, a conservation officer for the trust, said: "One of our finest reserves is Coed Garnllwyd in the Vale, less than 1km northeast of Llancarfan.

"The 13ha nature reserve consists of ancient broadleaved woodland and a meadow. The woodland offers important habitat for a variety of wildlife including birds such as Tawny Owls and Treecreepers, while the meadow provides nectar-rich habitat for a range of butterflies and other invertebrates.

"The reserve is also known for its display of spring flowers, including Herb Paris and Early Purple Orchids."

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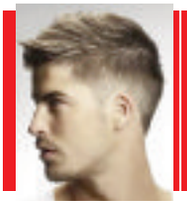

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## Accommodating Syrian refugees' problem in Vale

**WITH regard to the statement in The GEM on September 24, at a time when countries bordering Syria appear to be 'washing their hands' of the migrant problem, the Vale Council decides to "act swiftly" in setting aside an initial amount of £100,000.**

The bottom-line figure at a time of reduced services, will have to come from some service provision – unless the council intends to dip into its reserves.

I note that although housing is a devolved service, we are to support the Home Office initiative with the resettlement of people from Afghanistan – no doubt by virtue of the mechanism known as the Legislative Consent Motion.

All this must be great news for those local people who have been on the housing list for years.

When the inevitable happens, and we open our doors to these people, I hope the Vale Council agrees on a "co-ordinated and regional response" and that they are housed throughout the county – and not placed solely in one town like Barry.

Now that would be a surprise.

**Dennis Baker,**
**Barry.**

## Church has use for old money

**THE St David's Church in Wales Primary School, Colwinston, has come up with a novel way of raising funds in a difficult financial climate.**

Many people have some old foreign currency, either notes or coins and perhaps some older UK or Irish decimal coins. It sits in pots and drawers and is unlikely to be used again, especially if it has come from countries where the currency has become the Euro.

Old USA one-dollar bills and quarters are left over from a trip to Disney and the family have now grown and are unlikely to visit the States again.

The school wants all worldwide current currency in notes or coins and any of the older currency such as German marks, Spanish pesetas, old UK shillings, old UK decimal coins – including Ireland, Channel Islands, Scotland, Isle of Man and £5/£2 coins.

Old half or full crowns and silver and brass coloured threepences can also be exchanged. You can even donate old farthings and pennies, 1d/ or 1/2d.

The coins and small notes cannot be exchanged in the UK and old Spanish pesetas cannot be spent in Spain so they are of little value to anyone. The school can turn your old money into a valuable donation.

It is estimated that there is £100 million in old or foreign coins across the UK that can be used for good causes so dig out yours and get it to St David's Primary, Colwinston today.

If your business would like to take out a collection to help, please get in touch with the school for free collection leaflets and posters. If you would like more information, please get in touch with the school office.

**Debbie Lewis**
*Chair of The Friends of St David's Primary, (Tel 01656 656447)*

# School replies to pupil safety fears

*LAST week's GEM included an article about the arrangements for dropping off pupils at Cowbridge Comprehensive School, whereby parents and pupils in cars are not allowed to enter the school grounds. Here the chair of governors, Hilary Drew, responds to the safety concerns expressed.*

**ON behalf of the governors of Cowbridge Comprehensive School, I would like to respond to your article in last week's edition.**

The governors consider the safety of all the pupils of paramount importance.

It became clear the original arrangements for vehicle access to the school were unsatisfactory when the frequency of near misses on site, despite the best efforts of the staff, had become a major safeguarding issue.

In excess of £25k was spent making reasonable adjustments to the site. However, in consultation with the Highways Department and the police, it was decided that access to the site to drop off pupils must be restricted while the buses and taxis arrive and depart.

It is indeed regrettable that the original arrangements are inadequate and the school is assured the Vale Highways Department and the police, who were involved with the original design, will continue to look for solutions to ease the situation.

Meanwhile, there is plenty of parking on site for Sixth Form pupils with cars and space for parents to drop off and pick up – they must simply plan to do so during the unrestricted times i.e. prior to 8.10am.

The Aberthin Road is extremely busy in the morning and parents would be wise to consider using the safer drop-off area at the Town Hall car park where their children can walk the short distance to school using the recently-renovated footpath.

As governors, we urge all drivers to act responsibly and consider the safety of all pupils when near our school, by obeying traffic regulations and not causing obstructions.

**Hilary Drew,**
*Chair of Governors,*
*Cowbridge Comprehensive School.*

## 'Free parking vital for our volunteers'

**IT is encouraging to hear that the Vale Council is having a re-think over the introduction of parking charges in Cowbridge.**

One aspect that hasn't been mentioned in the debate comes from the hardy group of expert volunteers who selflessly devote their time and energies in the Cowbridge Physic Garden on Thursdays.

If they had to pay parking fees for the time they spend in the garden, they would all be considerably out of pocket, and it could well deter them from doing the brilliant work of caring for one of the Vale's tourism jewels.

So thank you, Vale Council for seeing sense – just don't go changing your mind!

**Martyn Hurst,**
*Trustee, Cowbridge Physic Garden*

## Macmillan's 'thank you'

**ON behalf of Macmillan Cancer Support, I would like to thank your readers for their amazing efforts to ensure the success of World's Biggest Coffee Morning.**

We know that thousands of coffee mornings were held in schools, workplaces, community centres and homes all over Wales to raise money to support people affected by cancer.

This year was the 25th anniversary of World's Biggest Coffee Morning and what a fantastic celebration it has been! We have seen photos of the most amazing cakes but we have also seen the most brilliant photos of people getting together with friends and colleagues for a chat, a cup of coffee and a slice of cake to raise money for Macmillan.

Today in Wales, more than 130,000 people are living with and beyond cancer. The money raised will help us to continue to provide services in Wales, including funding our nurses, physiotherapists, welfare benefits advisers and our information centre in some of Wales' hospitals.

**Susan Morris,**
*(Head of services for Macmillan Cancer Support in Wales).*

## 'Dangerous parking'

**I READ with interest your article on the safety of pupils being dropped off at Cowbridge Comprehensive School.**

One thing that concerns me as we drive past the school into Cowbridge, is the parking of vehicles in the area under the by-pass bridge.

Certainly this seems to have increased recently and some vehicles are frequently parked half on the grass verge and half in the road, obstructing the progress of any larger vehicles.

I am surprised the police have not put a stop to this dangerous practice.

**Pauline Collins,**
**Miskin.**

## 'Commuter route is the priority'

**HOW much is the Vale Council spending on a 'leisure' cycleway, when every day cyclists (and some pedestrians) risk their lives travelling along the A4055 from Barry to Dinas Powys?**

With the ever-increasing traffic flow via Dinas Powys exacerbated by residents of new homes being built in Barry, where is the Vale's encouragement for commuters to cycle to work in Cardiff along the most direct route?

For a council "committed to delivering sustainable transport infrastructure," why is it that every time a pedestrian/cycle path along this dangerous road is discussed, the council says there are plans but no money?

Surely this commuter route should have been a priority, rather than a cycle path for leisure purposes along a road which already has a safe walkway?

**Jeff Joyce,**
**Dinas Powys.**

## More time bombs dropped in Barry?

**IN his response to the letter headlined 'New houses and problems regarding rights of way', Mr Guy highlights the 'formal and robust legal processes' followed by the VOG council to protect the rights of walkers.**

As any homebuyer knows, expensive legal processes are also followed in conveyances, so why is it people (like homebuyers in Pencoedtre Lane) bought blighted properties built on recorded rights of way?

The answer is that standard searches undertaken by conveyancers do not include a public rights of way search – buyers pay extra for it.

Builders are under no obligation to declare the existence of recorded rights of way affecting their new builds, unless specifically asked.

The irony is that any potential homebuyer can look at the definitive map and statement held at the Docks Office, free of charge, and this will reveal the existence of recorded rights of way affecting newly-built and older properties.

However, the public do NOT have access to all applications regarding rights of way – and how the outcome of the application may affect the property they wish to purchase.

A former public rights of way officer stated in 2004 that proper legal processes had not been undertaken during the days of the former Borough Council, giving as examples that houses in Tennyson Road, Burns Crescent and Shelley Crescent had been built on public rights of way.

He referred to the whole matter as 'time bombs quietly ticking away all over Barry.'

It seems to me that rather than 'deactivate' these 'time bombs' by following 'formal and robust legal processes', the council is instead dropping further 'time bombs' all over new developments in Barry – and that Mr Guy has just stepped on one!

**Karen Gallimore,**
**Barry.**

## Protecting the rights of way

**IN reply to Mr Guy's response in The GEM letters page, headed 'New houses and problems regarding rights of way,' it is the duty of the LPA to ensure that no planning permission is given to build housing across rights of way – until such time as measures are put in place to ensure rights of way are protected.**

If legal process is robust, then how come housing is built on public rights of way at all?

**Jean Underdown,**
**Barry.**

### HIGH TIDE TIMES
**(UNTIL OCTOBER 8)**

***The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.***

| DATE | Time AM | Ht M | Time PM | Ht M |
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| 02 Fri | 09.59 | 10.2 | 22.27 | 9.9 |
| 03 Sat | 10.45 | 9.6 | 23.12 | 9.2 |
| 04 Sun | 11.33 | 8.9 | 23.57 | 8.4 |
| 05 Mon | | | 12.32 | 8.2 |
| 06 Tues | 01.11 | 7.9 | 13.47 | 7.7 |
| 07 Wed | 02.38 | 7.6 | 15.19 | 7.8 |
| 08 Thur | 03.52 | 7.8 | 16.28 | 8.2 |

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# 11 days to go until Cowbridge On The Run – in aid of Cancer Research UK

by GEM REPORTER

**THERE are just 11 days to go until Cowbridge On The Run takes to the streets of the town.**

The event, organised by Anne Birt, takes place on Sunday, October 11, and aims to raise funds for Cancer Research UK.

There are two distances, 5km and 10km and people are welcome to either run or walk the course.

The starting point is at the rugby club and Anne last week announced what the route will be.

*Participants will leave the rugby club going across the Bear Field into North Road. Then it is down to the town hall and out onto High Street.*

*The course heads up to Eastgate as far as the traffic lights and a left turn takes the runners onto Aberthin Road.*

*On reaching Aberthin cross-road, between The Hare and Hounds and the tree, the route heads up towards the Downs, but takes an immediate right past Aberthin Village Hall and along the lane which crosses Cowbridge by-pass.*

*On reaching Primrose Hill, runners take a turn right and head down to the traffic lights (beside the Edmondes Arms).*

*Then it is through the traffic lights down Eastgate, High Street and Westgate, and a right turn into The Broadshoard and then in to the rugby club.*

Anne explained: "The course measures 5k, so the 10k runners will run it twice."

Local MP Alun Cairns has signed up for the Cowbridge On The Run event and told The GEM: "Anne has done a wonderful job in bringing all this together, and I encourage as many people as possible to take part in the new route and raise money for a fantastic charity."

There will also be entertainment on the day at the rugby club as well as the fundraising run – a bouncy castle, face painting, 'splat-the-rat' and also Belgian waffles, pizzas and a lot more.

Registration starts at 9am. The runs will begin at 10am.

Teams (whether from businesses, local organisations or sports clubs) and individuals are both welcome.

Registration online is £10; on the day it will be £15. Sponsorship forms can be downloaded at: *www.cancerresearchuk.org/support-us/find-an-event/Cowbridge-on-the-run-2015*.

In 2011-12 Cancer Research UK provided £332million of funding to hospitals and universities. For more information, go to *www.cruk.org*.

*Cowbridge Male Voice Choir outside their hotel in Cheshire.*

# Cowbridge choir raise the roof for Christian Relief

**COWBRIDGE Male Voice Choir have recently been on their travels giving of their services yet again to a very worthy charity, Christian Relief Uganda. They have undertaken several concerts for this organisation over the years.**

On this occasion the venue was in the Tytherington Family Worship Church near Macclesfield, Cheshire.

The choir departed Cowbridge mid Saturday morning and after an eventful drive (an accident on the M5) arrived at their hotel at 5pm. After an hour or so with suitable refreshment, they departed for the concert.

The audience of around 200 including the lady mayor, her consort and the local MP, gave a rapturous welcome to the choir who opened with 'Sing Dem Herrn' continuing with a selection of five pieces from their extensive repertoire. At this point the audience was treated to a soloist – Julie Parker, accompanied by Helen Whitehead, who performed two pieces; 'Porgi Amor' by Mozart and the spiritual 'Were you There?', both delivered with expression and feeling. The choir completed this half with a further four items.

The second half of the concert commenced with the choir's rendition of 'I Bob Un Sydd Ffyddlon' which was again well received by the appreciative audience. They then sang a further three pieces including the wonderful hymn 'Tydi a Rhoddaist' with those superb 'Amens'.

The soloist Julie Parker then treated the audience to Novello's 'Shine Through my Dreams' and 'On a Clear Day' by Burton Lane and Alan Jay Lerner. The choir concluded the concert with four more items. As an encore, the audience requested the choir to render those 'Amens' yet again!

Following the concert floral presentations were made to musical director Shelley Thomas-Brown, accompanist Sandra Williams, and soloist Julie Parker and her accompanist, Helen Whitehead.

Finally, thanks were given to the organisers in particular to the choir's old friend Jim Tryon, who in turn presented a certificate to the choir's chairman, Leon Fear, recognising the achievement of the choir in helping to raise through their performances over the years, a grand total of £20,000 in receipts for the Christian Aid Uganda Relief fund.

The choir and many of the audience then retired to The Brocklehurst Arms for an 'afterglow' with a tasty buffet provided by their hosts.

**KM**

# Top lawyer is a supporter of Fashion Week and Velindre

**WENDY HOPKINS is a well known family lawyer practicing in south Wales. She has specialised in divorce and family law for over 30 years, acting on behalf of many high profile clients or their spouses.**

*Wendy Hopkins*

She is well known in Cowbridge and the Vale in particular, having lived for many years in the villages of Llantrithyd and St Nicholas.

Less well known is that Wendy has been receiving treatment for cancer for the last year or so.

"I was diagnosed with breast cancer in the summer of 2014".

Despite the diagnosis and associated chemotherapy and radiotherapy treatment Wendy has continued to work.

"The treatment at Velindre, having a positive attitude, and the support of family, friends and the Gordon Dadds team, have all helped."

Wendy has now completed her treatment and is particularly grateful for the treatment and care received at Velindre Cancer Centre.

"The doctors, nurses and support staff at Velindre are wonderful and the work that they do is invaluable in helping patients."

Today, Thursday, October 1, Wendy Hopkins and Gordon Dadds LLP are supporting the Cowbridge Fashion week, which is being held in aid of Velindre Cancer Centre, by sponsoring the first of two fashion lunches.

# Miniaturist group exhibition

***THE mid-Glamorgan Dolls' House and Miniaturist Group will hold their annual dolls' house exhibition on Saturday, October 10 from 10am – 4.30pm at the town hall, Cowbridge.***

*Entrance £1 adults, 50p children over five; displays, sales, light refreshments.*

*All proceeds to the Noah's Ark children's hospital charity.*

# 'Could you bring the Patron's Lunch to life?'

**I AM writing this letter to advise GEM readers that I have been contacted by the Lord Lieutenant of South Glamorgan, Dr Peter Beck, regarding countrywide celebrations for the Queen's 90th birthday next year.**

One of the three core themes of the celebration is 'community' with the purpose of engaging communities all over the country.

On Sunday, June 12, there is to be a huge street party for 10,000 guests in The Mall, The Patron's Lunch, with attendees from the charities and organisations to which the Queen acts as Patron, and this will form part of a weekend-long celebration.

Dr Beck is encouraging communities to hold similar events locally to "bring the Patron's Lunch to Life" in Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan.

The purpose of this letter is to gauge the level of interest in the local community and invite local organisations and individuals to advise the Town Council whether they would wish to become involved in the organisation of such an event.

You may register your interests with the Town Council either through the 'contact form' on its website ww.cowbridge-tc.gov.uk or by emailing enquiries@cowbridge-tc.gov.uk.

**Coun D W Morris, Mayor of Cowbridge with Llanblethian.**

# How Jo survived rare disease – and thrived!

**BONT FAEN's September meeting started with our speaker, Jo Teague, from Llantwit Major.**

At 39 Jo suffered a heart attack and subsequently was diagnosed with Ehlers-Danlos, a rare, incurable, life-threatening condition. With her husband and three small children she set off on a six month tour of Europe.

Her talk described the highs and lows of that journey but also since her return, her fundraising efforts to find a cure for the disease.

Her resilience and acceptance of her condition was obvious throughout her talk and after, she sold signed copies of her book entitled *See you in September*.

This was written by her based on letters and a diary written during the six months they were away. An excellent start to the meeting.

Tea followed with a 100th birthday cake for the WI made by Moira Thomas. For those who didn't like fruit cake,Wendy Pearce had made a boiled chocolate cake from a WI recipe from 1941!

After refreshments we had the business part of the meeting. Tickets were sold for our upcoming Link Meeting hosted by Llanblethian WI. This took place at Ystradowen Village Hall yesterday, Wednesday, September 30.

Next month we have Maggie Cooper showing us chalk painting. Members and visitors are welcome.

**MP**

# Club members hear history of Fonmon

**THIS year, the Cowbridge Friendship Club annual outing was to Fonmon Castle, where members walked in the footsteps of John and Charles Wesley, who once held meetings in the drawing room and, of course, royalty also stayed there with the visit of Queen Mary.**

Members listened to a detailed history of the castle built by the St John family c1200 – it has changed hands only once and is one of the few medieval castles still lived in as a home.

Following the talk, members sat down to an afternoon tea and everyone agreed it was a very pleasant and enjoyable afternoon.

At our next meeting on Thursday, October 29, members will be busy preparing their contributions for the Christmas tree festival in Holy Cross Church.

The Cowbridge Friendship Club meets on the last Thursday of the month where new members are welcome. If anyone would like more information, they should phone 01656 668446.

**PAT SMITH**

# 'Home cooking' at Llangan school

**CHILDREN at Llangan Primary were all smiles last week when a new kitchen was unveiled at their school, thanks to an investment by the Vale Council.**

Coun Chris Elmore, cabinet member for children's services and schools said: "We have always championed the cause of locally sourced produce for our schools and, where possible, school meals are freshly prepared on site. With over 7,000 meals to prepare each day at 54 locations across the local authority area this is no small undertaking.

"For the past five years, a lack of space in the kitchen at Llangan Primary School meant that meals had to be prepared off-site. Clearly this was something that we were keen to address."

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*Laura and Huw Adams.*

# *Huw and Laura tackling Cardiff half marathon for Lupus UK*

**FORMER Cowbridge Comprehensive School pupils, Huw and Laura Adams, will take part in the Cardiff Half Marathon – to raise awareness and money for LUPUS UK.**

The charity is very close to their hearts as their cousin, Elizabeth Hughes, suffers with Systemic Lupus Erythematosus.

Huw, now a junior doctor in Barnstable recognised the need for continued research into this illness, and cajoled his sister Laura into taking part with him.

Laura has already completed the Great South Run and the Brecon 10-mile in preparation. Huw, a former 800m under-18 Welsh champion, will find this particularly challenging and is relying on his athletic ability to get him to the finish line!

Systemic Lupus is a chronic, debilitating and life-threatening illness of the immune system.

October is Lupus Awareness Month and Huw and Laura are asking the public to help them raise money for LUPUS UK who support and care for people with Lupus, help fund ongoing medical research to provide more effective treatment and to train doctors for the future.

Thanks to the generosity of family and friends they have, so far, raised £993.50 through justgiving, cash/cheque donations.

*If you would like to support them, visit https://www.justgiving.com/Laura-Adams11.*

# Local pharmacy wins UK national pharmacy award

*Above, left to right: Laura Foster, Josie Jaynes, Fran Withnell, Kirstie Allen, manager Jane Williams, Kirsty Bailey.*

**REPORT by PHILIP IRWIN**

**A COWBRIDGE pharmacy has won a prestigious UK national award at a recent presentation evening in London.**

Sylvia Williams Chemist attended the British Pharmacy Awards in London on September 23.

The ceremony was held at the Park Plaza Westminster Bridge with guest speakers including Keith Vaz MP and Ben Gummer MP, with well wishes sent from the Prime Minister.

The staff at Sylvia Williams Chemist were thrilled to have been put forward by the panel of judges for three out of the 14 awards.

The ceremony was attended by owner pharmacist Kate Thomas and shop manager Jane Williams. Kate said: "It was a lovely surprise to be nominated at all, let alone being selected as a finalist for three of the awards.

"I took it as a good omen when we found we were seated on table one of the 80-odd tables. In the 'Health and Beauty Award' we were up against Harrods! Afterwards, I asked one of the judges if it was the pound table that got us there.

"Joking aside, he said he had been impressed by the premium quality health products we stocked, such as Solgar, and most of all by our high level of customer service, showing good product knowledge and customer service skills.

"He said it was this that made us stand out among the 12,000 pharmacies in the UK. He was also impressed by the positive drive the staff have, to always try and make healthcare more convenient for our customers.

"Our customers can ring us or drop in their repeat forms to order their prescription medicines and we will organise with the surgery to get everything ready for them."

Kate continued: "We provide a free delivery service if patients are struggling to get to the pharmacy, and we also provide weekly medication trays, at the doctor's request, if patients are struggling with their medication.

"The other award we were a finalist for was the 'Innovation' award, for showing distinction in bringing a natural healthcare range to the pharmacy, and the award we won was for 'Best Natural Healthcare Pharmacy' in the UK.

"The judges loved the idea that we could check the safety of people's prescription medicines with their complementary medicine.

"It is particularly nice to win it this week, which is the Welsh Government's 'High Street Heroes' week, as a pharmacy has always been a very important part of the High Street and the local community.

"I am really proud of all my staff and the effort they go to help the customers.

"I would also like to thank all our customers for their support and their kind messages, and invite them to join us in the pharmacy for a celebratory drink on Friday, October 16, between 5pm and 6pm."

*Kate Thomas and Jane Williams (left) at the awards ceremony in London.*

# *Nature reserve needs carers!*

**(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)**

*With the help of Environment Wales, and after receiving a Biffa Award, WTSWW are now able to create and manage the wildlife habitat and improve footpaths there.*

*The trust is aiming to restore the meadow and create open areas within the woodland to benefit flowering plants.*

*Mr Matthews said: "If you would like to get involved with the nature reserve in any way, then the Wildlife Trust wants to hear from you!*

*"We will be running regular volunteer workparties down on the reserve – an excellent way of getting out and about, doing physical exercise and meeting like-minded people while also doing vital conservation work."*

*Anyone interested in helping the Wildlife Trust at the Coed Garnllwyd Nature Reserve, should contact Vaughn Matthews (v.matthews@welshwildlife.org).*

# Music society goes on tour

**CAOS Musical Society is taking its annual autumn concert on tour, with a programme of Rodgers and Hammerstein favourites.**

Performances are on Friday, October 9 in Wick Village Hall, with special guests the South Wales Clarinet Choir; and on Saturday, October 10, in Rhoose Community Centre, Stewart Road, with guest soloists.

Each performance starts at 7.30pm. Tickets (£5) are available by telephone on 01446 713 110, or on the door.

*The society is looking for new members.* ***HB***

## *Remembrance*

***LLANTWIT Major's annual Remembrance Day service will take place on Sunday, November 8 at the Town Square Cenotaph at 11am.***

*A meeting will be held in the town rugby club on Tuesday, October 6 at 7pm for all interested parties.*

*Any organisation intending to lay a wreath can collect an order form from the town hall.*

## LETTERS' EXTRA

# 'School has shifted parking problem'

**I WAS interested to read your leading article about dropping-off and parking at Cowbridge Comprehensive School (The GEM, Thursday, September 24).**

The problem is not confined to the school entrance.

Since access to the school car park has been restricted, pupils have been using Millfield Drive and adjacent roads for parking.

This frequently makes access difficult, not only for residents, but also for emergency vehicles, council and delivery lorries and tradespeople working in properties in these roads. Dropping-off and meeting pupils in the area has increased, no doubt prompted by the school advising parents to use alternative routes.

Nobody would want a child to be injured or killed, but Mr Locke hits the nail on the head when he refers to the school shifting their perceived problem off the school premises.

The school has taken the easy way out.

The plans for the school included plenty of car parking space and a drop-off area within the grounds.

Surely it is possible to manage the flow of traffic, parking, and the safety of children within this area?

**David Westlake, Cowbridge.**

# Sporting youngsters are a joy to hear!

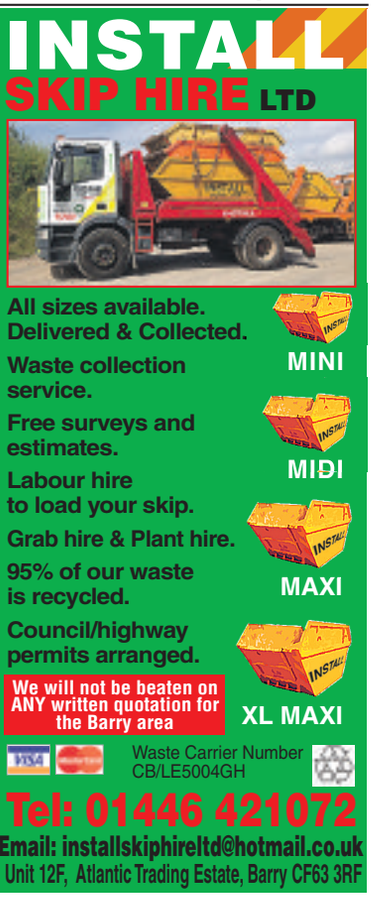
**IT has been such a joy over recent weeks to see and hear great numbers of youngsters of all ages playing rugby and soccer on the field behind Westgate most evenings of the week.**

At times it seemed that there were at least five pitches of varying sizes in use, and the enthusiasm has been audible.

It is said that Cowbridge is becoming a town of older people, so it is encouraging to see that there is a thriving younger generation in the area coming through and enjoying sport, thanks to the commitment and support of so many coaches and parents.

Long may they continue to participate and contribute to the life of our community.

**Pamela Jones, Cowbridge.**



# Tractor run raises £12k for Nick's children

**ON Sunday, September 20, friends and family of the farming community came out in force to take part in a tractor run in memory of farm worker Nick Jones, who was tragically killed in a farm accident in May of this year.**

Over 180 tractors, of all makes and models from far and wide, set off from Llanilid Farm in Pencoed and travelled through country lanes to Keepers Lodge Farm in Hensol.

These were the two farms where Nick worked. The tractors then returned to Llanilid for a hog roast and refreshments.

The organisers were overwhelmed by the support they received from everyone, raising in excess of £12,000 via donations, raffle and an auction, and would very much like to thank everyone who helped to make this day a huge success.

*The money raised is being placed in a trust fund for Nick's children Dylan, aged five, and Jake, aged three.*

# THE COWBRIDGE FESTIVAL CROSSES MUSIC BOUNDARIES

**IF Cowbridge Music Festival proved one thing this year it was that there are no hard and fast boundaries between all the various types of music – and nobody could have demonstrated this better than the superbly versatile clarinettist Julian Bliss.**

Equally at home in classical and jazz, he brought the festival to a triumphant close on Friday with his jazz septet, delighting a capacity audience in the theatre of Cowbridge Comprehensive School with the wildly exciting music of Latin America.

Just a few days previously, he had joined forces with soprano Fflur Wyn – standing in at short notice for the indisposed Ailish Tynan – to give an outstanding recital of vocal and clarinet pieces.

If you tried to put Alice Zawadzki into a musical pigeonhole she would fly straight out again! This classically-trained singer and violinist appeared earlier in the week with cellist Alice Purton and guitarist Alex Roth, captivating those lucky enough to be there with her unique mix of jazz, improvisation and world music.

Then there was Camerata Alma Viva, a group of 16 young musicians who take the string repertoire by storm. They have a reputation for being a bit special but nobody could quite believe it when the dark sounds of Shostakovich melted imperceptibly away and a riotous rendition of the Rolling Stones number, 'Paint it Black', suddenly took off to finish the concert.

With Camerata Alma Viva on hand, choosing musicians for the schools outreach programme was easy this year. Supported by the Waitrose's Music Matters scheme, a quartet from the ensemble toured five schools – Gladstone and Colcot Primary Schools in Barry, Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Ogwr in Brackla, Ysgol Ferch o'r Sger in North Cornelly and Ysgol Iolo Morgannwg in Cowbridge – giving workshops and concerts to 1,200 children.

With their infectious enthusiasm for music – anything from Mozart to Jimi Hendrix, they were perfect for this important part of the festival.

Completing the line-up in the second week were the Romanian pianist Alexandra Dariescu, who fought her way through Wednesday's rugby crowds to give an unforgettable recital in Holy Cross Church, and Cowbridge's very own folk singer-songwriter, Greta Isaac, who enchanted a late-night audience at the Duke of Wellington.

*ALL PICTURES BY MIKE WILCOCK*

# NFU's donation in honour of accident victim

**NFU Cymru members in Glamorgan donated £500 towards last weekend's Tractor Road Run in memory of accident victim Nick Jones.**

**The convoy from Llanilid Farm, journeyed 25 miles along the rural roads of Glamorgan to Talgarn for a promise auction, before heading back to Llanilid for the hog roast and gathering in memory of Nick.**

**Abi Reader, Glamorgan NFU Cymru's county chairman said: "Nick's death was a tragic accident and came as a tremendous shock to the local community.**

**"The farming community Nick lived in, rallied round to support the tractor run.**

**"It was a very fitting day in memory of a fellow young farmer."**

**Wayne Griffiths, one of the organisers, said: "I'd like to thank everyone who supported this event; the Iron Horse Society, those who gave so generously and to those who took part in the road run.**

**" Nick used to work here on the farm, but he was also a great friend and all the money raised is gratefully received for this trust fund."**

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# Choir all set for concert

**A WELL-KNOWN choir is coming to Cowbridge later this year for a concert in aid of Guide Dogs Cymru.**

The Richard Williams Singers will perform at the Duke of Wellington pub on Saturday November 21, bringing along some male soloists and their girls' choir.

The singers offered their services to Guide Dogs after a chance meeting last Christmas: "We were guests at a lunch organised by the Trisant Masonic Lodge," said Guide Dogs' community fundraiser, Frank Greig. "The choir performed at the event, and their voices brought a tear to my eye. We were delighted when they contacted us a week later and offered to do a concert for us."

The choir's repertoire includes traditional and more modern arrangements. They have previously performed with big names such as Stuart Burrows, Dame Shirley Bassey, Bryn Terfel, Owain Arwel Hughes, Rick Wakeman, Iris Williams, Max Boyce, Charlotte Church and Katherine Jenkins.

*The concert starts at 7.30pm. Tickets are £10, to include a finger buffet. For more details, and to book tickets, ring Guide Dogs Cymru on 0118 983 8746.*

# *CHAMBER OF TRADE MEETS*

***COWBRIDGE Chamber of Trade is holding its annual general meeting next Tuesday, October 6, at 6pm in the Bear Hotel. The AGM will be followed by a regular meeting.***

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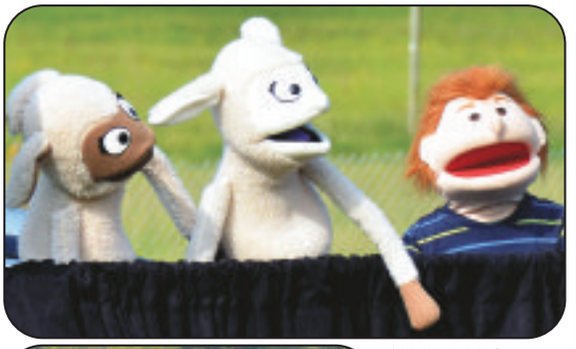
# Sporting fun for the family at Peterstone-super-Ely!



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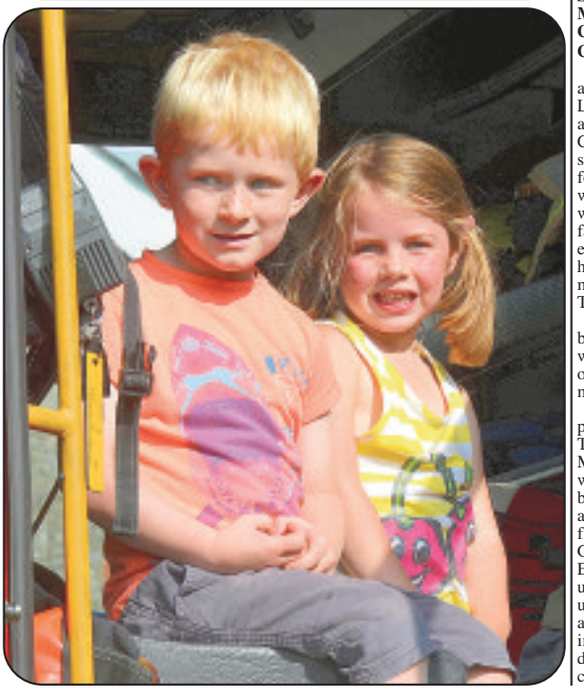

**A FAMILY fun sports day was held on the Memorial Community Field in Peterstone-super-Ely on September 18.**

On a glorious summer's day, the field was ringed by stalls. There were games including football, rugby, badminton, skittles and netball.

The Fire Service came along with their fire engine, and there was a puppet show, plus races for the children, and also dancing and music in the evening.

The festivities were aimed at raising funds to develop a multi-activity area for the community, and for maintenance of the chapel's new buildings.

## Mayor's coffee

***THE Mayor of Cowbridge and Llanblethian will host a coffee morning in the Mayor's Parlour on Saturday, October 3 between 10.30am and 1pm.***

*All proceeds go to the Mayor's charities this year, Motivation Learning Trust and Prostate Cymru.*

# *Founding of WI celebrated*

**THE September meeting of St Hilary WI was held in the village hall on Tuesday, September 8.**

Maria Weber was thanked for hosting a lavish coffee morning in August, which raised much-needed funds for the Institute.

Members were told that an Acer tree and commemoration plaque had been bought and it was arranged that members would gather for the planting in St Hilary Pump Garden in celebration of the centenary of the Women's Institute on Wednesday, September 16.

This was the actual anniversary of the founding of the Women's Institute in 1915.

The ceremony was attended by 10 members and was a great success, especially as the weather was so kind, considering heavy rain had been forecast!

Members retreated to The Bush Inn afterwards for a celebration cup of coffee or a glass of wine.

The guest speakers this month were Elizabeth Matthews and RitaTilley from the RNLI Barry.

Elizabeth took members through a short history of the RNLI from its inception as The National Institution for the Preservation of Life from Shipwreck by Sir William Henry and friends in 1924, through its renaming as the RNLI in 1854 and its development over the years to the modern Institute it is today.

The vast majority of RNLI staff are volunteers.

There are more than 4,600 volunteer lifeboat crew members at stations around the UK and another 3,000 volunteer shore crew members who support them.

Rita then talked about the education programme, which is taken to schoolchildren teaching them about beach safety.

It was emphasised that the RNLI is run absolutely from charity with no government funding.

The evening ended with the usual delicious refreshments, hosted this month by Kay Heath and Maria Weber.

*Next month the meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 13; the speaker will be Sian Roberts, who will be talking about Welsh Food with a tempting tasting session.*

## COMMUNITY NEWS

**TREOES, LLANGAN & ST MARY HILL**

***Your local correspondent is Nancy Davidge, "Tynewydd", Llangan. (01656) 860303***

## OBITUARY

### *Emma Jane Day*

**FRIENDS and neighbours at Treoes village joined the grieving family at the funeral of Emma Jayne Day, aged 42, which took place on Friday, September 25 at the Mid Glamorgan Crematorium, Coychurch.**

Emma, who was born at St Mary Hill, attended Llangan Primary School and Cowbridge Comprehensive, where she became well-known for her culinary art and would often return home with delicacies for her family to sample. An excellent cook, Emma's homemade pies were much sought after by her Treoes neighbours.

On leaving school, she became a travel agent which gave her the opportunity to travel and meet interesting people.

She was immensely proud of her children, Thomas, Lewys and Morgan. As the children were growing up, Emma became interested in art and pursued a degree in fine art at College Sir Gar, Carmarthen. Sadly, Emma became ill, so was unable to complete her undergraduate studies and after numerous investigations, she was diagnosed with advanced cancer in 2014.

*Emma Jane Day*

Emma had planned to obtain a haulage licence and travel the world; she and her boys would also sail around the British Isles. Sadly, it was not to be.

Our thoughts at this sad time are with Emma's children, her devoted sister Rachel and parents, Janet and Alun.

The officiating minister was Rev Phil Denyer.

*Emma's family would like to acknowledge the devoted care and support given to Emma from all at Y Bwthyn Newydd.*

## *Chapel service*

***SARON Chapel, Treoes: A service will take place on Sunday, October 11 at 3pm and everyone will be assured of a warm welcome.***

## *Young at Heart Club*

***THE Young at Heart Club will close today (October 1) for those wishing to attend the funeral of Norma, which will take place at 3.15pm.***

# SEVEN VALE CHURCHES WELCOMED GUESTS ON CADW'S OPEN DOORS DAY

**ON Saturday, September 19, the seven churches of the east Vale group of parishes took part in the annual Cadw 'open door' day.**

**All seven churches were open, with a variety of events taking place, including the St Peter's Church choir singing at St George's and St Nicholas, and an organ recital by Jean Wines at St Bride's.**

**Also, a team of walkers trekked from St George's to Welsh St Donats via St Bride's and St Peter's. Each church displayed documents and registers, and some provided refreshments for visitors.**

*ABOVE: The walking group who visited four churches.*

*ABOVE: St Peter's Church choristers sing at St George's.*

# The new kitchen gets thumbs up at Llangan School

**CHILDREN at Llangan Primary School near Cowbridge were all smiles this week as a new kitchen was unveiled at their school thanks to an investment from the Vale Council.**

Commenting, Coun Chris Elmore, cabinet member for schools, said: "At the Vale Council we have always championed the cause of locally sourced produce for our schools and, where possible, school meals are freshly prepared on site. With over 7,000 meals to prepare each day at 54 locations across the local authority area, this is no small undertaking."

He added: "For the past five years, a lack of space in the kitchen at Llangan Primary School meant that meals had to be prepared off-site. Clearly this was something that we were keen to address.

"With a significant investment from the council and the help of the school's headteacher, Mr Steve Williams we were able to extend the kitchen and provide a new 'fit for purpose' facility with equipment to cater for the school's 120 pupils and staff."

# *Tour de Force by top soprano*

**AS reported in The GEM, Cowbridge Music Festival was a huge success, with exhilarating concerts.**

In addition, the masterclasses, which are open to the public, give a fascinating insight into the world of the professional musician, a chance to spot talent, and superior free entertainment.

Artistic director, Mary Elliott Rose, introduced Elin Manahan Thomas, saying what an honour and privilege it was to have her give a vocal masterclass. And so it was, the celebrated Welsh soprano is a star on stage and off, and time spent in her presence was a riveting experience.

A brilliant communicator, eloquent, inventive and energetic, she concentrated on interpretation and presentation.

From the intricacies of Baroque music, to posture; to the pragmatic: "Don't stand on the front of your dress" – her advice was wide-ranging.

Her methods were original, always considered, and effective. Some singers had to perform while engaged in a tug-of-war with their mentor to increase tension in their delivery.

It worked. Clearly every fibre of your being must be committed at this stellar level.

Five exceptional singers: Ellen Williams (recently returned from performing at the Edinburgh Festival), Catrin Raymond, Grace Wyatt, Alys Roberts and Sarah Choi, rose to the challenge. Accompanied by Sue Bird, they sang beautifully, performing works such as Handel's 'Let the Bright Seraphim' and 'Ynys Bellening' by Eric Jones.

Watch out for future masterclasses, they are a treat!

**Katherine G Jones, Llanblethian.**

# *Expert line-up for art society season*

**COWBRIDGE Art Society is starting its new programme of events for the 2015 – 16 season.**

Over the coming three academic terms, we will be welcoming over 20 distinguished professional and semi-professional artists, teachers and lecturers from Monmouthshire, Cardiff and Pembrokeshire, as well as the Vale. Many of these artists have had their work exhibited throughout the UK and beyond.

In one of the most varied programmes to date, each will give a demonstration of particular painting techniques, an illustrated lecture on a specific topic, or lead a workshop in specific methods of producing a work of art.

The media used will vary from charcoal, pastels, acrylic, watercolour, ink, collage, gouache, oils and mixed media, as well as two life drawing sessions.

There are demonstrations in charcoal and pastel by local artist and teacher Sarah Davies, acrylics by Guy Manning *guymanning.co.uk* and Shirley Owen *shirleyanneowenartist.com*, and ink blowing techniques by Guy Wooles *guywooles.co.uk*, gouache and ink by Martin Williams; oil painting techniques by Sheridan Ward *sheridanward.com/*, watercolour by Amanda Spenser *amandaspencer.co.uk/*.

Illustrated presentations include Women War Artists – from World War One to the Falklands conflict by Rosemary Chanoller; The Art of David Jones and Eric Gill by National Museum of Wales curator Clare Smith; and a personal view of modern art and some of the influences on his work, by Daniel Williams *danielwilliams.co.uk*.

Mixed media techniques by Janis Fry *janisfryart.co.uk*, Julie Shackston, *julieshackson.com*, Elizabeth Haines *elizabethhaines.co.uk* and Jantien Powell *chapelcottagestudio.co.uk*; Paper and Acrylics in Low Relief by David Gould *davidpaulgould.co.uk*;

Workshops – creating small collage paintings from paper and fabric by Becky Adams, *beckyadams.co.uk*, life drawing by Richard O'Connell; and drawing techniques by Dr Jac Soussa author and senior instructor at the Broadway Drawing School, Cardiff; digital art by Cardiff artist Paul Arnott, and a demonstration of Gyotaku (a Japanese fish printing process using a real fish, ink and rice paper) by Deborah Withey.

We also hold two exhibitions of members' work each year, and have recently had additional exhibitions inTopstak in the Vale Business Park and The Royal Glamorgan Hospital, Llantrisant.

We occasionally join with another, Cardiff-based Art Society, for visits to major exhibitions in London and elsewhere.

Our 50 – 60 strong membership comes from within travelling distances of Cowbridge, (Porthcawl, Bridgend and Cardiff). We meet at the Old Hall Cowbridge each Thursday evening 7pm – 9pm during term times, and our annual membership is £30 individual or £48 double, although single sessions may be attended by non members for £3. New members are always welcome; no particular artistic ability is required, as many members attend only the demonstrations.

This Thursday (October 1) we welcome Pembrokeshire artist Guy Manning, who will demonstrate painting a treescape with a limited palette in acrylics *guymanning.co.uk*.

Next week, October 8 we will hold a practical session, details TBA. For further details of our activities and the current programme or enquiries see our website – *cowbridgeartsociety.com*

**ANDY LLOYD**

# NOW THE VALE'S MARIA IS OFF TO THE NORTH POLE!

**RECENTLY selected ambassador for the 2016 Year of Adventure in Wales, Maria Leijerstam, is now planning another world first to add to her collection.**

**The 37-year-old from the Vale became the first person to cycle to the South Pole on December 27, 2013, and is the only woman in history to hold a major polar record. Maria won the race for Britain, beating America, Australia and Norway among others.**

**Next year, she'll be tackling the North Pole, taking on 'The World's Coolest Marathon'. In April 2016, she will run a marathon at the floating airbase, 111km from the True North Pole. Maria will then cycle the remaining 111km, sealing another world first and the completion of the most extreme duathlon in the world. This cycle is not an organised race, Maria will be on her own!**

**Back home, Maria's multi-sport company, Burn Series, holds adventure racing events across south Wales.**

**Of her impending challenge, Maria said: "Anything is possible if the desire is there. Many things can stop you, but the only thing that will stop you is doubting yourself."**

***Burn Series events: Mini Burn, Margam Park, Port Talbot, Saturday, October 3; Cardiff Burn, Cardiff, Sunday, October 25.***

# News from Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morganwg

## Rugby World Cup

**THE school is very proud to hear that two ex-pupils were named in the Wales squad for the Rugby World Cup.**

To celebrate this, Cory Allen and Lloyd Williams visited years-7 and 8 pupils to discuss their experiences of playing international rugby.

The session was very interesting, with the pupils given the opportunity to ask questions and to have photos and autographs before they left.

Thank you to Cory and Lloyd for taking time out of their busy schedule!

## Millennium volunteers

**CONGRATULATIONS to the following sixth form pupils who have been chosen as Millennium volunteers: Tom Ilett, Joe Pearce, Ellie Thomas and Jordan Stavrakis have completed 50 hours and Sam Ashdown and Chloe Steventon have completed 200 hours of voluntary work. Well done to them all.**

## School musical

**WE will be performing the famous musical *Les Miserables* in December – to celebrate 15 years since the school opened.**

Staging such an ambitious show will be a special occasion and will call for great dedication from pupils and teachers.

Rehearsals have now begun in earnest; keep an eye out for more information!

### *Open evening*

*Our annual open evening will take place on Wednesday, October 7 from 6pm to 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome.*

*Pictured are Joe, Jordan, Sam, Ellie and Chloe.*

# *FRIENDS' TRIBUTE TO RETIRING RANGER PAUL*

*Brian Acott presents Paul Dunn with his painting.*
*PHOTO by HEATHER MARSH*

**FRIENDS of the Glamorgan Heritage Coast Association said a big thank you to Ranger Paul Dunn, who recently retired after 37 years' service.**

They presented Paul with a painting, by local artist Rob Brown, depicting aspects of the Glamorgan coast from Aberthaw to Porthcawl.

This picture includes many of the wild life conservation projects that Paul has initiated, gaining support from local farmers, landowners and the local community; with notable success in the conservation of; High Brown Fritillary butterflies, Peregrine Falcons, Choughs and many species of plants.

Many of the staff and volunteers Paul inspired over the years have moved on to other important conservation work through the country.

The community, local schools and visitors to the Vale of Glamorgan will sadly miss Paul, and his enthusiasm for all aspects of this wonderful Glamorgan coast and its Heritage.

**BRIAN ACOTT,**
***Chair of Friends of The Glamorgan Heritage Coast Association***

## Meet the bobbies

**CADOC – Meet your local officer at Waitrose, Palmerston Road, Barry on October 1 between 10am and 12 noon; and at Wenvoe Community Centre, Old Port Road, Wenvoe on October 12 between 10am and 12 noon.**

**COURT PACT – The Witchill Community Centre, Dyfan Road Barry at 6pm on October 15.**

**ST ATHAN – Meet your local officer at The Gathering Place on October 4 between 2pm and 3pm.**

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# Assembly package to fund vital new drugs for Welsh NHS and support for business in Wales

**LAST week, I announced a £14m investment in new, advanced drugs to treat Hepatitis C and to provide medication to those patients with aHUS- a rare life threatening disorder of the immune system.**

This means the Welsh NHS will be able to treat more patients with these medicines approved by NICE (National Institute for Clinical Excellence) and our All Wales Medicines Strategy Group.

This includes sofosbuvir, which is used in the treatment of hepatitis C. This has a very high cure rate and will help thousands of people including those infected through contaminated blood transfusions. Three further hepatitis C treatments, daclatasvir, simeprevir and ledipasvir will also be available as a result of this investment.

In addition, the new investment will give patients access to eculizumab to treat aHUS, reducing the need for dialysis or kidney transplants. NICE has ruled that this could give people with this rare disorder an extra 25 years of life.

As the Health and Social Services Minister, Mark Drakeford said last week: "These drugs will make a real difference to the lives of those affected by these distressing and potentially life-threatening conditions."

This investment formed part of a statement to the Assembly on new financial commitments halfway through the 2015-16 financial year, allocating money from our reserves to meet these vital new drugs for the people who need them.

I also made announcements about allocations to support businesses. There will be extra funding for the Wales Micro Business Loan Fund and the Business Growth SME Business Fund. I have also doubled the investment to date in the Green Growth Fund.

We share the same goal with businesses in Wales – to invest in our infrastructure as one of the main contributors to growth and jobs, and to support business development.

It is difficult to achieve this with a 30 per cent real terms reduction since 2010 in our Budgets by the UK Government – so we have made every effort to maximise our investment and protect capital investment by working with our partners in local government.

I saw the fruits of our investment on Monday with the Education Minister, Huw Lewis, when we visited the amazing new Ysgol Dewi Sant in Llantwit Major as part of the £24m investment by the Welsh Government and the Vale of Glamorgan Council in the new Llantwit Learning Community. We saw the hoardings going up at Llantwit Major Comprehensive School as the building work starts to transform the school.

We met year-11 students to congratulate them on their fantastic GCSE results this year and talk to the head, deputy head and students about the ingredients for this success.

We are using every Welsh pound to deliver for Wales in these tough financial times.

It is also heartening to witness the support people give to cancer charities like Macmillan in fundraising coffee mornings held across the Vale last Friday. Crowds of people came to Golau Caredig where I was hosting a coffee morning with residents, volunteers and staff of Hafod Care raising over £700.

I visited four more fundraising events on Friday and Saturday and the generosity displayed is an important reminder of the ways in which Macmillan touches so many lives.

**ASSEMBLY NOTES**

by **Jane Hutt**
**AM** (Minister for Finance)

## *Get online with Communities First and Newydd Housing Association's Digital Drop Ins*

**Vale Council-led Barry Communities First and Newydd Housing Association are running free Digital Drop - In sessions across the Vale, to help residents improve their IT skills.**

Barry resident John Dowden, who has attended Barry Library Digital Drop Ins, said: "I would recommend this to anyone who wants to improve their computer skills but may be lacking in confidence."

To celebrate these drop-in sessions, Newydd Housing Association will be holding a prize draw for two laptops which include Microsoft Office and Windows 7. To gain entry into this competition you will need to attend three sessions before Friday, October 30.

The weekly sessions take place at the following venues:

- Barry Library, Mondays, 10am–12pm.
- Dinas Powys Library, Monday 10am–pm.
- Aberaeron Hub, Aberaeron Close, Tuesdays 9.45am–11.45am.
- Llantwit Major Library, Tuesdays, 10am–1pm.
- Margaret Alexander Community Centre, Wednesdays 1pm–3pm.
- Age Connects Café, Holton Road, Barry, Thursdays 10am–12pm.
- Golau Caredig, Barry, CF62 7AZ, Thursdays 10.30am–11.30am.
- Penarth Library, Thursdays, 10am–1pm.
- Cowbridge Library, Fridays, 2pm–5pm.
- Rhoose Library, Fridays, 10am–1pm.

*Residents don't need to book to access the service, but places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. For more information on these sessions, contact Scott Tandy on 07584501216.*

## PARKING PETITION IS HANDED TO COUNCIL

***VALE MP Alun Cairns joined traders and residents from Barry and Cowbridge to deliver a petition to the Vale Council opposing proposed car parking charges***

***Traders say they have almost 5,000 signatures.***

***Mr Cairns commented: "The communities of Barry and Cowbridge have spoken loud and clear with a united voice. The Vale Council misjudged the strength of feeling on the issue, and to introduce a policy without a proper consultation would be hugely damaging to some of our most treasured communities.***

***"I have co-ordinated a response from the community that is fair, reasonable and has the best interests of our towns at its heart."***

## Progress on Five Mile Lane is welcomed

**A South Wales Central regional AM, Andrew RT Davies, has welcomed confirmation from the Welsh Government of an offer for funding to the Vale Council for Five Mile Lane.**

In a letter to Assembly members from the Minister for Economy, Science and Transport, the Government stated that it has issued an official grant offer of £25.8million, which it is hopeful the council will accept: "This is a positive step in the long-running saga over the development of the Five Mile Lane," the Welsh Conservative leader commented.

"While debate remains in the local community over the requirement of such a significant investment, this news will provide some clarity to both road users and landowners who were questioning if this development was ever going to receive the green light," he added.

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*The GEM's beekeeping correspondent, Harold Williams, recently married fellow beekeeper, Barbara Chick. Harold, from East Aberthaw, and Barbara, from Cardiff, said they had no time for a honeymoon as there was too much to do preparing their hives for winter!*
*(See next week's GEM for a full report).*
***Photograph by David Corrick***

# BIBLE FOR THE HIGH SHERIFF

**HIGH Sheriff of South Glamorgan, Professor Heather V Stevens CBE, is pictured receiving an inscribed copy of the Bible from Graham Ellis, chairman of the Vale of Glamorgan branch of The Gideons International.**

**Heather and David Stevens were part of the small team that launched the insurance group Admiral in 1993 in Cardiff, which has since grown to become one of the largest private sector employers in Wales.**

# 'PLEASE CAN YOU HELP US TO PLAY AT HOME?'

*The playful eight-week-old pups have been named Sam Pawburton, Gethin Puppykins, Alun Wyn Bones, Luke Charterrieris and Toby Furletau.*

**STAFF at Dogs Trust Bridgend are appealing to dog loving rugby fans to try and help find homes for a litter of four-legged rugby fans.**

The rehoming centre is keen to spur on the Wales team so have named a bouncy scrummage of six adorable Husky-Labrador cross puppies after their Welsh heroes.

The playful eight-week-old pups have been named Sam Pawburton, Gethin Puppykins, Alun Wyn Bones, Luke Charterrieris and Toby Furletau.

The team was brought into Dogs Trust Bridgend through no fault of their own as their owners were no longer able to care for them.

"These mischievous little pups are full of energy so will need active owners with a strong throw to keep them entertained. They are only eight weeks old and like any rugby team would benefit from a little extra training.

"The team require active homes with owners who appreciate the demands of energetic young puppies and are at home most of the day to help them settle in.

"They would need homes with secure gardens to bound around in and would of course love a rugby ball to play with. The pups will be required to attend Dogs Trust training classes to help them become polite, well-adjusted adult dogs."

*If you are interested in rehoming a dog, call the Bridgend Rehoming Centre on 0300 303 0292, or visit www.dogstrust.org.uk.*

***BEVERLEY PRICE,*** *Dogs Trust Bridgend rehoming centre manager.*

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# Concert in the Park helps raise £594 for Tenovus

*Jo Fowler addresses the crowd.*

*Barry Sing With Us choir.*

*Vale Mayor, Coun Fred Johnson with councillors Pamela Drake and Chris Elmore.*

**THE recent Concert in the Park at Belvedere Park in aid of Tenovus Cancer Care, was hosted by Vale of Glamorgan Mayor, Coun Fred Johnson and organised by the Drop In Centre and Castleland Community Association, in collaboration with Barry Tenovus Sing With Us choir.**

Local MP Alun Cairns and AM Jane Hutt, together with local ward councillors Chris Elmore and Pamela Drake were among the special guests.

Barry Sing With Us choir presented popular songs and local girl singer Grace Hartrey performed several of her own songs, including a poignant rendition in memory of her grandmother. Barry Sing With Us choir member Mike Cain entertained the audience with his harmonica playing and African drums.

Vale People First band, led by Geoff Davies, thrilled everyone with their fun 'Sing a Long' spot and special performance by saxophonist Jo Fowler, conductor of Barry Sing With Us choir created a jazz atmosphere.

The event ended with a fitting finale – audience and performers together sang 'Simply the Best', chosen by lead organiser, Eileen Moore, who lost her twin sister Renee to cancer last year. White balloons and messages were released in memory of loved ones completing a marvellous two hours of fun!

*All funds, a total of £594.95, will be donated to Tenovus and, if readers would like to add to the fundraising, visit the Tenovus website www.tenovuscancercare.org.uk/remember-me/tribute.aspx?t=renee-williams.*

# WALK A MILE IN VETERANS' SHOES

**CHANGE STEP, an all Wales service for military veterans, has launched an online campaign to raise awareness of the role families play in the transition into civilian life and recovery from issues some ex-service men and women struggle with on leaving the Armed Forces.**

Part of the charity CAIS, the Change Step project is a veteran-to-veteran, peer mentoring service. They are there to help Welsh veterans and their families on a range of issues resulting from military service – PTSD, homelessness, addictions, unemployment or abuse.

To raise awareness of the veterans' services and to help raise vital funds Change Step has launched online campaign called #VeteransShoes.

To join the campaign, visit any of the dedicated Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, JustGiving, Youtube and Google+ pages. Take a photo of yourself with your veteran, wearing his or her shoes. Tell everyone about your veteran, who they are, which regiment they represented, during which years they served.

Show the world how proud you are of them. Share that photo with your friends via social media and if you feel so inclined, donate to Change Step using the text code 70070 with Shoe22 and the amount you would like to donate.

Every penny raised in the campaign will go directly to the veterans' service to ensure that veterans and their families get the vital help that they need.

## HARVEST LUNCH

***ST Nicholas church is hosting a harvest lunch on Saturday, October 3 in aid of the charity Mary's Meals.***

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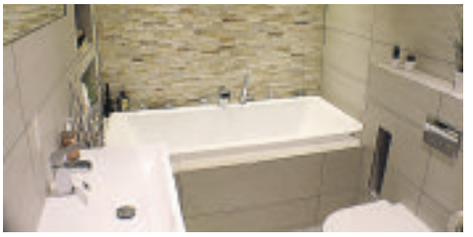

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# Local Dental Mavericks provide care in the Rif Mountains, Morocco

*Andy Nourish and Cheryl Jones are treating youngsters in Morocco suffering from dental pain.*

**by GEM REPORTER**

**On September 26, local dental health workers Cheryl Jones and Andy Nourish flew out to the Rif Mountains in Morocco as part of a the 'Dental Mavericks' team.**

Cheryl is a practice manager and lives in Cardiff. Andy is the principal dentist at Advance Dental Care and lives in Penarth.

Cheryl explained: "All the projects are self funded by the Mavericks themselves and along with fund raising and donations from dental suppliers and the general public, the charity is able to do its job.

"Friends, family and patients of Advance Dental Care generously donated £1,000 which helped to buy medical supplies, dental chairs and equipment which enables us to set up a surgery and treat the children who are in daily dental pain.

"We also received very generous prizes for our raffle from the Vale of Glamorgan Resort, The Old Cottage, Lisvane, and Streets Brasserie in Barry."

Andy said: "The team plans to treat hundreds of children over the course of a few days in the remote villages of the Rif Mountains mainly carrying out extractions of rotten teeth as the Moroccan diet is high in sugar and they have no access to dental care.

"There is also a 'Teeth for Life' program set up where we teach the children to brush and look after their teeth. We also leave enough toothpaste and brushes for the year in each area we visit."

It is Advance Dental Care's third visit to Morocco to treat children. During the last visit in May, which was reported in The GEM, Gareth and Louise went to the Atlas Mountains and were able to relieve 350 children of dental pain which they said was a challenging and rewarding experience.

To donate, go to: *http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/team/AdvanceDental*

# Cadoxton WI mark Harvest Festival

**AT the meeting on Monday, September 21, the president opened by saying what a great success the afternoon tea in August had been and hoped that it would become an annual event.**

There had been several invites from other branches and the venues and times had been discussed.

Monday's meeting was the annual Harvest Festival supper and this year the members opted for a change and had fish and chips.

The entertainment was provided by Tony Hill who accompanied his songs with a guitar or a ukulele.

The members enjoyed the songs and the music and joined in wholeheartedly.

The raffle winners were Sandra, Rita, Avril and Karen.

Meetings are held at the Victoria Park Community Centre on the third Monday of the month at 7pm. Contact 01446 404891 for more information.

**CW**

# Meet your local officers

**CADOC – meet your local officer at Waitrose, Palmerston Road, Barry on October 1 between 10am and 12 noon.**

WENVOE - Meet your local officer at the Wenvoe Community Centre, Old Port Road, Wenvoe on October 12 between 10am and 12 noon.

COURT PACT – The Witchill Community Centre, Dyfan Road Barry at 6pm on October 15.

ST ATHAN - Meet your local officer at The Gathering Place on October 4 between 2pm and 3pm.

# Freshers are to the fore at college fayre

*Aircraft Engineering students, from left: Adam Salisbury, Ashraf Ibasheh, Connor Csaszar, Lucas Lewis and Majula Kassama.*

**FOUR thousand new students have been welcomed to their first year at Cardiff and Vale College during Freshers' Week at the Barry and new city centre campus sites.**

The students were introduced to the various services and support that CAVC has to offer, as well as a range of exciting activities including a Boulders climbing wall and DJ truck. Stands also gave out vouchers for local shops and venues, and the college's hair beauty and holistic therapy team performed live hairdressing demos.

Casey Dixon, a 17-year-old hospitality and catering student from Barry, said: "I loved looking around the new building and seeing all the facilities."

Photography student Miri Hughes, 16, added: "Freshers' Fayre has been amazing, I love the new building."

Seventeen-year-old student Kieran Smith, who is studying painting and decorating at the Barry campus, said: "I wasn't expecting this many stalls, Freshers' has been brilliant."

Majula Kassama, 20, who is studying aircraft engineering at the college's International Centre for Aerospace Training at Cardiff Airport, added: "Freshers' makes you feel really welcome at the college, it's been really good."

# *Extra flights from Cardiff Airport*

**AFTER a fourth successful year operating from Cardiff Airport in Rhoose, Spanish airline Vueling has launched an increased summer 2016 programme – offering more than an extra 30,000 seats.**

"This announcement comes as a result of the airline's response to the Welsh public who plan and book their flights as early as possible," a spokeswoman explained.

Flights to popular Spanish destinations Malaga, Alicante, Palma, Majorca and Barcelona can now be booked until the end of October 2016. The extra seats for 2016 come from an increase in weekly rotations across the four destinations, providing more flight choices for customers travelling to and from Spain.


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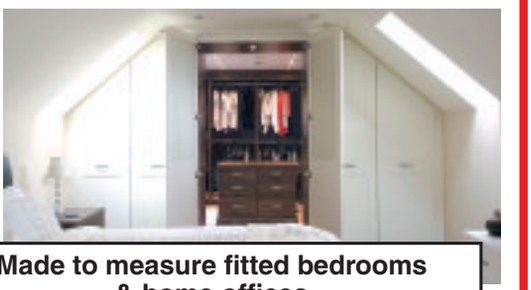

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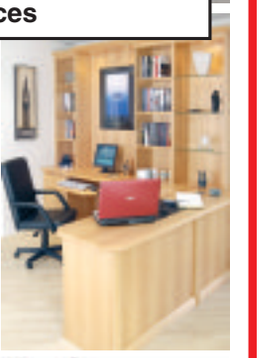

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# 'THE TOP PERFORMING COUNCIL IN WALES IS READY FOR THE CHALLENGES AHEAD!'

## VIEW FROM THE VALE

by Coun **NEIL MOORE** Leader of the Vale of Glamorgan Council

**AS the summer comes to an end, the Vale of Glamorgan Council is now back in session.**

While August did not bring the sunny weather that many of us were hoping for, the summer recess allowed my cabinet colleagues and me to take the time to review the council's progress over the last year and to map out what we plan to achieve in the next cycle.

Our enthusiasm for this was greatly buoyed by the news that we received at the start of the month that the Vale of Glamorgan had been ranked as the top performing Council in Wales by the Local Government Data Unit.

The data unit publishes an annual report comparing the performance of all local authorities in Wales in delivering a range of essential services.

For an independent national body to have ranked the Vale as the nation's best performing local authority speaks volumes about not only the work of the Council but also of our ability to meet the unprecedented challenges that we are currently facing as a result of public sector spending cuts.

One of the ways in which we will overcome this great challenge is by working more closely with other organisations to deliver improved services for our residents. A great example of how we are already doing this is the Cyd Cymru collective energy switching scheme, registration for which opened again this month.

The now national Cyd Cymru scheme started life as a partnership between the Vale Council and the City of Cardiff Council and has since expanded to include local authorities, housing associations and charities from across Wales.

The scheme has saved households across Wales over £800,000 through lower energy prices since its launch.

If you haven't already signed up, then you can do so at www.cydcymru-energy.com or by calling 0800 093 5902. Registration for the next switch is open until October 19 and the more people who sign up to the scheme the bigger the savings will be.

Helping people secure lower energy bills is one of a number of ways in which the Vale Council is working to tackle fuel poverty, an issue that will blight many lives as winter approaches.

It is a sad fact that many people are unable to pay the cost of heating their homes during the colder months and one that we are determined to play our role in addressing.

*It is for this reason that I was so pleased to hear that the Vale Council had secured more than £2.5m of investment from Welsh Government as part of the latest round of eco-funding support for homes in Wales.*

The funding will be used to provide warmer and more fuel efficient homes for tenants and residents of the western side of the Gibbonsdown estate in Barry by installing wall insulation and heating controls, replacing boilers, and upgrading draught proofing.

This will result in significant savings to the energy bills of the residents of the 230 private and council homes that are set to benefit.

Upgrading our housing stock for future generations is another key area of work for the authority. The Vale Council provides housing for people across the county and it was wonderful to see so many of them attend this year's annual Festivale tenant engagement event in August. For us to improve the way in which we work it is essential that we have face to face conversations with our residents about what matters to them.

In this respect, Festivale was a huge success. More than 500 people attended and were able to gain information and provide feedback not only on council services but also those of many of our local partners such as the money advice service, Safer Vale, and South Wales Police.

Events such as Festivale bring home, not just the wide range of people working to improve communities in the Vale, but also the importance of having strong communities where people work together to support one another. It is with this strong sense of community in mind that the Vale Council has acted swiftly in response to the refugee crisis that has occupied all branches of the public sector in the UK in recent weeks.

### *Catering for Syrian refugees*

**I DO not believe that anyone in the Vale could not have been deeply touched by many of the traumatic images that have been broadcast on our television screens in recent weeks.**

The unfolding crisis is one that requires swift and decisive action from all public bodies. On September 21 it was agreed that the council will participate in the Syrian Vulnerable Persons Relocation scheme and the Home Office scheme associated with the resettlement of Afghan individuals and families.

Furthermore to ensure that the authority is fully able to respond to the crisis, £100,000 has been set-aside over a two -year period to support asylum seekers and refugees who may be relocated to the Vale.

It is important to stress that this is part of a collaborative regional approach being undertaken in partnership with Cardiff City Council, Cardiff and the Vale University Health Board and community groups. Nonetheless, we have made a commitment to play our part in addressing this humanitarian crisis and have made the necessary preparations to do so.

• *I would like to close this month's column by reiterating my comments above about the importance of Vale of Glamorgan residents sharing with us their views on the way in which the council works.*

*As a demonstration of this council's commitment to engaging with the public, we launched the Community Cabinet events three years ago.*

*The next cabinet meeting to be taking place in the community is on Monday, November 16 at 6.30pm at the Paget Rooms in Penarth.*

*Attendees will have the opportunity to ask any questions they may have of my cabinet colleagues and I, and we, look forward to seeing many of you there.*

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# MARIE CURIE CELEBRATES HELPERS' ANNIVERSARY

***VOLUNTEERS, carers, patients and families recently gathered at the Marie Curie Cardiff & the Vale hospice on September 22 for a celebratory event to commemorate one year of the Marie Curie South Wales helper service.***

***It was launched last year to provide free support and companionship to people living with a terminal illness, and since then 49 volunteers have been trained to support 76 people in the area.***

***Eura Evans, from Penarth told of the support she has received from the service. Eura, 77, is living with COPD and lung cancer, and enjoys the weekly visits and support she receives.***

***If anyone is interested in volunteering to become a helper with the Marie Curie South Wales Helper Service, the project team is hosting two information days at the hospice in Penarth between 6pm – 8pm on October 6 and 10am – 12pm on October 7.***

***For more information call 0845 073 8596, or email southwaleshelper@mariecurie.org.uk.***

***ABOVE:***
***Pictured are the Marie Curie divisional general manager Andrew Wilson-Mouasher, Eura Evans, helper Elaine Phillips and Marie Curie south Wales helper service manager, Jo Parry.***

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# Caring mum Laura is nominated for top award

**MUM-OF-ONE Laura Haysham is in the running for a top award – after fulfilling a long-held ambition to work with children.**

After little more than two years at a residential home for children and young people with autistic spectrum conditions and challenging behaviour, 26-year-old Laura, from Barry, has been shortlisted for honours at this year's Wales Care Awards in the Excellence in Learning Disability and Mental Health Services category sponsored by TBC.

The ceremony at City Hall, Cardiff on November 6, is an annual fixture in the social care calendar to reward the champions of the sector, as well as raising awareness of the vital contribution made by the social care workforce to health and wellbeing.

Laura, recently promoted to team leader at the home, Ty Coryton in Pendwyallt Road, Cardiff, admitted the nomination had come out of the blue: "It was a bit of a shock, but I was really pleased and I view it as something of a compliment. My family were really chuffed because I just sort of fell into working at Ty Coryton, as I had a friend who worked in the sector and it was the best move I ever made."

Prior to that, Laura, who lives at Borough Avenue, Barry, was juggling motherhood with a music course at university and a part-time job in a supermarket.

She added: "Although I had always wanted to be a teacher, I'd had a daughter and was working at Tesco until I realised that it was not what I had set out to do.

"I had been doing part-time voluntary work with deaf children as a teaching assistant and that's where I got the feel of wanting to work with special educational needs children, because I wanted more of a challenge than mainstream education.

"Since I came to Ty Coryton I've gained the Qualifications and Credit Framework Level 3 in Health and Social Care Children and Young People and I'm also doing the final year of a teaching degree at South Wales University.

"I've just been promoted to team leader and I'd like to do my QCF Level 5 when I've qualified as a teacher next May."

# VALUING THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR IN THE VALE

**GLAMORGAN Voluntary Services (GVS) is the new charity formed through the merger of Vale Centre for Voluntary Services (VCVS) and Vale Volunteer Bureau (VVB).**

GVS brings together the best from VCVS and VVB to further develop quality services to strengthen its support to third sector organisations serving the Vale.

GVS supports almost 500 voluntary groups including sports clubs, interest, health, older people's and youth groups.

GVS provides a host of free and low cost services, including funding advice, printing services and training.

It also supports individuals who are interested in volunteering and matches them with organisations seeking volunteers. Volunteering can be one of the most fulfilling things you can do with your time, making a real difference to the organisation you are helping.

Build your skills, meet new friends and open your eyes to a whole new world.

*If you would like to register as a volunteer, host volunteers or become a member organisation of GVS and benefit from a wealth of free and low cost services, please contact: GVS, Barry Community Enterprise Centre, Skomer Road, Barry CF62 9DA Tel: 01446 741706 E-mail: enquiries@gvs.wales Website: www.gvs.wales.*

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# Vale Council to draw up new proposals for secondary education in Barry

**The Vale Council is to draw up a new set of proposals for improving secondary schooling in Barry following consultation with parents and pupils.**

**It announced in March that it was poised to make a multimillion pound investment into education in the town.**

**An extensive public consultation exercise was then undertaken on initial proposals in May and June, the results of which were due to be reported to the council's cabinet on October 5.**

**The results of the consultation demonstrated that there is considerable support for expanding the number of Welsh medium secondary school places in the Vale and for introducing mixed schooling for boys and girls in the town's English medium schools.**

**However, the council says the majority of those who responded to the consultation were also of the opinion that Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Morgannwg should be expanded on its current site and that the creation of two new mixed English medium schools would be preferable to a larger single school.**

**In response to this the council's cabinet will be asked to give authority for a new plan for the transformation of education in Wales' largest town to be prepared, based on the responses to the consultation.**

**Coun Chris Elmore, cabinet member for children's services and schools, said: "The report that I will be taking to cabinet on October 5 will recommend that the council does not proceed with the original proposal, but instead establishes a new Barry Schools Transformation Board to carry out feasibility work on alternative options."**

**The Barry Schools Transformation Programme is part of the Vale Council's ongoing programme of school investment that has so far seen £101 million spent on improving school facilities across the county.**

**The report going to cabinet also recommends that a programme of works for Barry Comprehensive School should be drawn up with a view to making immediate improvements to the school's buildings.**

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## Farmers' Market plans to reward shoppers' loyalty

**THE Vale of Glamorgan Farmers' Market will be introducing loyalty cards at this Saturday, October 3, at Cowbridge.**

For each £5 spent by a customer on any stall, one box will be signed on their card, by the trader.

When their card is full, they can enter the free draw to win a fantastic Christmas hamper of items donated by market traders.

Customers can use their cards at both the Cowbridge and Penarth farmers' markets and there is no limit to the number of cards that a customer can enter into the draw. A box will be provided at the markets for completed cards, with the draw being made in December so the hamper can be collected from the Christmas Farmers' Market on Wednesday, December 23, at Cowbridge.

*You can bring your surplus apples along to the market on Saturday to have them pressed into juice. Bring your own containers to take juice away for drinking or making into cider.*

*As a rough guide, a half-full 'bag for life' of apples will make one litre of juice.*

## Club returns to select new logo

**FOLLOWING a successful summer programme, this month sees the return of regular meetings for Vale Photographic Club at 15pm, on Friday evenings, in the Ystradowen village hall.**

Thanks I'm sure to the exposure we receive from this GEM column, and our regular stand at the annual Vale Show in Fonmon, we are pleased to welcome a number of new members.

We hope they will enjoy everything the club has to offer, and that they find us a friendly bunch, happy to share our knowledge to help improve their photography.

Our first priority this term has been to select a new club logo. We decided to run a design competition, and whilst initially concerned we wouldn't receive enough entries, we were actually overwhelmed with suggested designs!

Lots of members (and their families and friends) rose to the challenge, and we thank them all for their time in doing so.

Voting was entertainment in itself, with votes being cast by dropping garden pebbles into flowerpots for your chosen design – imaginative and fun (if a little messy), it was a great success.

Recently graduated local designer Charly Hayes from Black Widow Creative (http://www.blackwidowcreative.co.uk) came up with the winning design – in fact Charly far exceeded the brief, submitting over 20 creative and imaginative designs for us to choose from.

The winning logo received more than double the votes of the next placed design, and will now be used to represent the club in local and national competitions, on our website and on club merchandise.

For more information on the club, please visit our website at *www.vale-photographic-club.co.uk*

Why not come along? We have a varied and interesting programme for the year ahead and you don't have to pay an annual subscription in your first year, just £2 on the night (tea or coffee and biscuits are included).

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# Helen's back in Rhoose Slimming World group

**CONSULTANT Helen Waite is excited to be going back to the group where her career started with Slimming World – almost 11 years ago.**

She started as a consultant in the Rhoose group on January 10, 2005 after losing seven stone with Slimming World.

After nine years of running the group, Helen made the heartbreaking decision to leave the group, after taking on a different role within Slimming World.

Helen said: "It was a huge decision for me, as I absolutely loved being in the group every Monday with all my members. I even ran the group while in labour with my son!

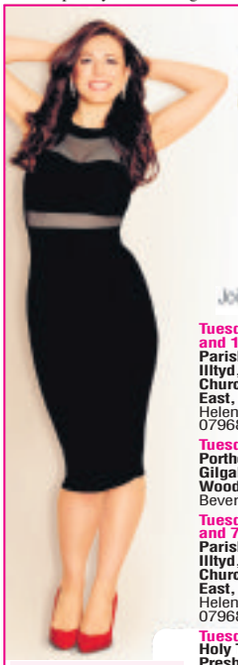
"The first Monday I had off, I didn't know what to do with myself, I felt completely lost! Being able to go back to my first ever group is really like a dream come true. I've always called the Rhoose group my baby, and it's like I'm going home."

Since 2005, she has helped numerous members reach their target weight which Helen explained is personally set by the member.

"Many members since losing weight have gone on to be able to have children, reduce medication and live a more fulfilling life – all while being able to eat every day normal foods with their family," Helen said.

"Slimming World certainly does change lives and I am so proud to be a part of all my members journeys. I cannot wait for my new adventure running three groups in Rhoose and Llantwit Major."

*If you would like to join, pop along to Celtic Way Community Centre on Mondays at 5.30pm.*

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## WHAT'S ON, WHERE, AND WHEN?

### Fitness advice

**TO celebrate National Older People's Day today (October 1), Halo Leisure is inviting older people to visit one of its eight centres at Bridgend, Garw, Maesteg, Ogmore, Pencoed, Pyle and Ynysawdre for advice on getting more physically active.**

*Visit the website at www.haloleisure.org.uk or call 0300 012 1223.*

### Vale AM's surgery

***THE Vale AM, Jane Hutt, will hold a surgery on October 3 at Barry Citizens' Advice Bureau, 119 Broad Street from 10am to 12 noon. No appointment necessary.***

### Jazz at the Paget Rooms

**TEDDY Smith Big Band, a 16-piece band with singer Elaina Hoss will play jazz/swing on Friday, October 2 from 7.30pm at the Paget Rooms, Penarth.**

There is an accessible cafe-style layout, dance floor and Lindy Hoppers included!

All welcome to a great night out, as part of the celebration of 150 years of Penarth Docks, in conjunction with the jazz department of Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama.

Sugo (Penarth) are offering a discount on pre-show meals between 5pm – 7pm.

*Tickets £10 in advance (£12 on the door) from Foxy's Deli or online at www.jazzlivecymru.eu.*

### Apple pressing

***COWBRIDGE apple pressing takes place on Saturday, October 3 and the public are invited to 'bring your apples – eaters or cookers' to the Farmers' Market in Cowbridge (9.30am – 12.30pm) with a clean container, if they want to take juice home.***

### Llantwit

### Bowls coffee

**A COFFEE morning will be held on October 3 at Llantwit Major Bowls Club from 10am to 12 noon.**

*£3 entry includes tea/coffee and biscuit (free top-up), cake stall, books and bric-a-brac.*

### Free craft fair

**ON October 3 in the St Ffransis Millennium Hall, Park Road, Barry, Enfys hold a craft fair from 10am-4pm, when festive gifts will be on sale.**

The free charity table will be manned by the RNLI, whose lifeboat crews and lifeguards have saved 140,000 lives since 1824.

Barry Lifeboat Station has operated an all-weather lifeboat for over 100 years.

During the first week of September, they had five call outs in six days.

Refreshments are available to purchase.

*For more information, contact Beryl on 0446 418695 or Cyril on 01446 400149.*

### Barry Mayor's coffee

**THE Mayor of Barry, Coun Emma Pritchard, will host a coffee morning on Monday, October 5 at Ty Hapus, 163 Holton Road, Barry CF63 4HP from 10am – 12pm, in aid of Ty Hapus and MND** (Motor Neurone Disease) **Cardiff and Vale.**

*Come and enjoy tea, coffee, cake and biscuits.*

*For more information, contact 01446 704921 or juliehurd@barrytowncouncil.gov.uk.*

### TaxHelp surgery

**THERE will be a TaxHelp for Older People income tax surgery on October 5 at Roz Couzens' Chiropody Surgery, Unit 4, Commercial House, Commercial Street, Llantwit Major CF61 1RB from 10am – 12pm.**

Free professional advice to older people on a restricted income; no appointment is necessary.

*Home visits can also be arranged on TOP's helpline 0845 601 3321 or 01308 488066.*

### Mediumship

**BARRY National Spiritualist Church and Centre, Buttrills Road, Barry, presents an evening of mediumship through flowers with Christine Day on Monday, October 5 at 7pm; pay at the door £5.**

### Pedal power

**ARE you interested in cycling? Would you like to take up this activity, and join a local group at the same time?**

Age Connects Cardiff and Vale are holding a information session at The Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry, on Tuesday, October 6 (10am to 12pm).

Chat to the Pedal Power group coordinator in Cardiff and Vale and find out what is available.

*Contact 01446 732385 for further information.*

### Macmillan coffee

**RAINBOW Women's Group is holding a Macmillan coffee morning on Friday, October 9, from 11am to 2pm at Margaret Alexander Community Centre, Alexander Crescent, Barry, CFR62 7HU.**

The chairman of the group, Basma Ihbasheh, said there is a warm welcome for everybody.

*For more information, contact 0788 6540919 or 01446 677641.*

### Barry jobs fair

**More than 30 employers, including Vale of Glamorgan Council, Jehu Construction and Premier Inns, will attend the jobs fair organised by Barry Communities First and Job Centre Plus on October 9, 10am – 2pm at the Barry Memorial Hall.**

Job seekers will have the chance to talk to local and national employers, and to benefit from training and advice services there on the day.

Those interested are advised to 'dress to impress' and to bring along an up-to-date CV!

*For more information, visit www.BarryCommunitiesFirst.org or call 01446 709432.*

### Ride for Dave

**THE third annual Ride for Dave, in memory of the late David Evans of The Granary, will take place on Saturday, October 17 at 10am from the Bush Inn.**

The event has been organised by Dave's friends and family, with the generous support of Andy and Liz of The Bush, to raise funds for research into the causes and treatment of leukaemia and lymphoma being carried out in the specialist centres at UHW and Singleton Hospital.

The cyclists will attempt a 50-mile circuit within the Vale and there is a shorter ride for those who would like to take part but are not serious cyclists.

*Please come along to wave the cyclists off or welcome them back from 12.30pm onwards.*

### Free course

**VALE Council-led Barry Communities First is running a free Level 2 course on October 19 – 23, for those wanting to work as a door supervisor in the private security industry.**

*For full details, telephone 01446 709103/07730284145.*

### Music contest

**ANYONE who can play a musical instrument and is in full-time education, can enter the Rotary Young Musician (instrumental) competition, sponsored by Harrods.**

The first round will take place on the evening of December 2 at All Saints' Church, Porthcawl during Porthcawl Rotary Club's Christmas tree festival.

The closing date for entries is November 3 and the competition is open to all (amateur) students up to age 17 on August 31, 2015.

*Ask your school, college or club organiser for information.*

# Penarth Festival marks its 150th anniversary

***PENARTH Book Festival is celebrating the 150th anniversary of a Welsh migration to Argentina, with two exciting events.***

***On October 15, the Pier Pavilion Cinema will be screening Welsh director, Marc Evans' 2010 drama Patagonia.***

***The film centres on the Welsh settlement in Patagonia and stars Nia Roberts, Matthew Gravelle and Matthew Rhys.***

***Tickets cost £6.50 and £7.50 and are available directly from the Pier Pavilion.***

***October 18 will see a panel including writer and journalist Jon Gower, writer and broadcaster Imogen Rhia Herrad and writer, playwright and actor Elizabeth Morgan talk to travel journalist Oliver Balch about their experiences and fascination with Patagonia and its Welsh-speaking population.***

***The event will take place at All Saints' Lesser Hall, Victoria Square at 3pm until 4:30pm.***

***Tickets £6, available from www.penarthbookfestival.org.uk or at Griffin Books.***

***The festival from October 11 – 18 has 30 literary-themed events. For more information visit www.penarthbookfestival.org.uk.***


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## Two for one means we can all take the Road To Rome!

**THE Cowbridge Book Festival has great news for lovers of epic Roman novels – it offers two authors for the price of one!**

On Wednesday, October 7, Sunday Times bestselling author Ben Kane and his friend and fellow historical novelist Anthony Riches will talk about their books *Eagles at War 1* by Ben Kane and *Thunder of the Gods - Empire VIII* by Anthony Riches.

This event represents a welcome return to Cowbridge for Ben who delighted the festival audience in 2013 by arriving in full legionnaire's uniform.

Both authors are renowned for their meticulous research and the ability to bring real events from the past to vivid life. As well as being historians, and experts in Roman history, they are also great storytellers.

Ben Kane is considered by many to be 'the rising star of historical fiction'. *Eagles at War* is the first in a dramatic new trilogy encompassing the loss and gradual restoration of three Imperial Eagles.

Anthony Riches is rapidly gaining a reputation for writing epic page turners. His Empire series is fast paced and action packed, with marvellous characters and occasional moments of dark humour.

Over the last three years, Ben and Anthony have walked Hadrian's Wall and also walked from Capua to the Forum in Rome in full Roman uniform, raising over £3,500 for charity. Not only have these walks given them valuable insights into the regions they write about, but through them, they have established a great rapport which bodes well for a highly entertaining and interesting event!

*The event which will start at 7.30pm will be held in the minstrels' gallery at The Duke of Wellington.*

*Details can be found on the festival website www.cowbridgebookfestival.co.uk. Tickets can be obtained online via the festival website or TicketlineUK or from Old Hall, David Barnes (Dry Cleaners) High St, Cowbridge or Nicklebys' Book Shop, Pound Field, Llantwit Major.*

For this event the Cowbridge Book Festival is working with Vale Courses Adult Learning. Proceeds from all festival events are donated to The Noah's Ark Appeal, Children's Hospital of Wales and Leukaemia & Lymphoma Research.

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*Authors Anthony Riches...*

*... and Ben Kane.*

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When wood is cut down its cells are full of water. Burning such wet or 'green' wood wastes heat in making steam and produces flammable, acidic tars which will cling to, and can very rapidly damage, your stove and chimney.

Therefore, logs should be dried for at least a year, out of doors in free air protected from rain, and split lengthways. When dry enough to burn, the ends will develop radial cracks.

The fine white residue produced when wood partly burns is not ash, but the remains of cell walls which can burn if kept hot enough, so don't de-ash a wood fire until absolutely necessary. Wood is not a smokeless fuel, but it can burn without smoke on some specially-designed appliances.

**BIOMASS** is a general term for recently-harvested plant material to be used as fuel. As well as wood, it includes bagasse (the fibrous residue from sugar cane or sorghum stalks); nut shells; pips and stones from olives and other fruit; straw; hay; dried seeds such as maize, barley or wheat.

**PELLETS –** Bio-fuel pellets made from wood (or, occasionally, grass) can be burned only on special-purpose stoves and automatic-feed boilers.

They offer most of the environmental benefits of natural wood, with greatly improved convenience.

**PEAT or TURF –** Peat is woody material which has semi decomposed over about 1,000 years. It is the earliest stage in the formation of coal.

The nearly black moorland or bog peat should be dried and treated as for wood. Peat is highly volatile, easy to light. It will burn on open fires and most closed stoves.

**LIGNITE or BROWN COAL –** Lignite is a natural mineral, intermediate between peat and coal, formed over about 4,000 years.

It lights easily and burns well, though some varieties produce very large quantities of ash. Apart from a small deposit in Ireland it is rarely encountered in the British Isles, but is commonplace in Central and Eastern Europe.

**BITUMINOUS COAL –** Bituminous coal, is raw, natural coal, from woody deposits of about 100 million years ago. Inexpensive, easy to light and fairly low in ash, it burns with great heat and an attractive flame.

However, it produces tarry smoke which will tend to stain stove windows, and large volumes of flammable gas which make it difficult to control so that it often burn excessively violently on closed stoves not specially designed for it.

It is the traditional fuel for Victorian bar-fronted fireplaces, where the very large 'cobbles' size would have been used. Modern appliances generally prefer the smaller 'trebles' or 'doubles'. Some types swell and become sticky when hot – use the poker to break it up.

**ANTHRACITE** and the very similar **DRY STEAM COAL** are natural, smokeless, hard, shiny forms of coal formed at great depth over some 300 million years.

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But it contains very little volatile matter so can usually only be lit from another fuel, such as wood, which is already burning well and it and will not work on most ordinary open fires, nor on many closed stoves.

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# The Barry Male Voice Choir prepares for recruitment campaign

*Ianto Jones at a recent choir social event with Gareth Roberts, Dorothy Connell and Gareth Jones.*

**BARRY Male Voice Choir is about much more than a group of men singing!**

Chairman Gareth Roberts explained: "Choristers of course share the enjoyment of singing together at concerts and rehearsals. Friendship, social events, fun and travelling are also important parts of choir life.

"The recently formed ladies' committee has already made a big impact on choir life in many ways. This year's visit to Germany will be followed by visits next year to Scotland and The Royal Albert Hall.

"Recent visits to choir rehearsals by Barry-born Joan Ditchburn nee Harkus, now of Perth, Australia, and Ianto Jones of the Capetown Welsh Male Voice Choir, South Africa have prompted thoughts of travelling even further afield in the future!"

The choir will be launching another recruitment campaign in October.

Follow the choir on Facebook and Twitter or on its website *www.barrymalevoicechoir.co.uk* for further details of forthcoming events.

# Soroptimists welcome new recruit Tracey!

*Left to right: Jackie, Tracey and President Clare.*

**FOLLOWING the August recess, president of Soroptimist International Barry & District Clare Hart welcomed another new member, retired religious education teacher Tracey Graham who is well known in the area, having taught in Bryn Hafren School, Barry, as well as Stanwell School, Penarth.**

During a career break to bring up her three boys, she also qualified as a gymnastics coach and received the volunteer of the year award from Barry Town Council for her voluntary work at Barry YMCA.

Tracey has supported the Malarchi Trust, an orphanage in India, for many years and is a trustee of Penarth and District Lesotho Trust, as well as supporting HIV orphans at TY Junior Academy in Lesotho.

Her many interests include travel, reading, walking, the cinema, and visits to Stratford upon Avon to see Royal Shakespeare Company productions.

Jackie Memory, who sponsored Tracy, described her as enthusiastic, caring and eager to become involved in Soroptimist activities. Jackie added that her lively personality will be a real asset to the club. Tracey lives with her husband, Mervyn, in Penarth.

(*Contact www.sigbi.org/barry-and-district*)

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# Moon landings: true or false?

**THE speaker at last week's Barry Men's Forum, was one of our own members Mike Cheeseman who gave a thought-provoking presentation about the moon landings in July 1969.**

He started with the build up of the space race between the Russians and the Americans, with information about the American Moon Landing, which he followed up with a film of the event, which all members clearly remembered.

Although not declaring any personal beliefs, he then detailed the various suggestions that have been purported to say it was all a hoax.

He detailed the reasons why some people think it was a faked landing. These included, there was no impact crater, although the covering on the moon showed footprints; there are shadows shown in different directions on photographs, although the only source of light on the moon is the sun, the shadows are cast in various directions.

There are reflections in the astronauts' visors, that allegedly show other persons behind the camera; the movement of the flag, when there is no atmosphere to move them; there are no stars in any of the photographs of the horizon; the letter 'C' is clearly carved on one of the stones in the foreground, similar to those used by film makers, the photographs were taken with 'celluloid' film, which has a melting point of 170 degrees, whereas the temperature on the moon is reputed to be 230 degrees.

Mike posed the conundrum, how could such a gigantic fraud be kept silent for so many years? He also pointed out that eight of the astronauts originally involved, had died within three years of the event, all in unexpected circumstances.

The forum members then asked numerous questions, and many thrilled at the event at the time, left convinced that it may all have been a hoax.

*New members are welcome. On Thursday, October 8, the speaker will be Dr Ted Hallewell, talking further about his 'Canadian travels' by motorcycle.*

*The Barry Men's Forum meets at the Trinity Presbyterian Church, at the junction of Trinity Street and Aberystwyth Crescent every Thursday morning from 10.15am-noon.*

*For further information, telephone 02920 594881.* ***PMW***

# AMELIA TRUST FUN DAY CELEBRATES 25TH BIRTHDAY

***THE annual Amelia Trust Farm family fun day this year celebrated the 25th anniversary of the charity.***

*It was joined by Vale AM Jane Hutt, a long-term supporter of the charity, which provides an alternative education for vulnerable and disadvantaged young people.*

*She commented: "Amelia Trust does such good and necessary work with young people. It is always great to hear about their latest success."*

*The AM took part in various events, including Guess the Weight of the Anniversary Cake and Smash the Malteser!*

by GARETH JAMIESON
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# Corbijn's *Life* is a little too still to truly shine...

**THE life of James Dean burned bright and then was brutally extinguished in a car crash in 1955. While the actor only made three films, he left an indelible mark on cinema and popular culture, meaning that 60 years after his death Dean is still living on.**

Anton Corbijn's latest film, *Life*, tells the story of a particular chapter in Dean's life – where he (played here by Dane DeHaan) was pursued by photographer Dennis Stock (Robert Pattinson) to shoot a pictorial for the highly influential Life magazine prior to the release of *East Of Eden*.

With Stock determined to capture this rising star on film, and Dean torn between fame and reality, the pair find themselves getting to know each other...

It's interesting that for his fourth feature film, Anton Corbijn (a renowned music photographer of the likes of U2) has taken on the subject of photographers and their pursuits. His films have always shown a gorgeous visual sense, his grounding behind the lens clear to see, but have struggled to carry the necessary pace to really wholly engage the viewer.

*Life* is very much of the same ilk, looking beautiful but a little too still and reflective for its own good, even though the central performances are thoroughly engaging and enjoyable.

Quite whether Corbijn was ever driven to the almost stalker-like levels of chasing his intended quarry as Stock is here, would be intriguing to find out, but clearly he sees a kinship with the character of Dennis Stock.

The balance between making a living through red carpet photos and pursuing a noble (yet financially underwhelming) art looms large here, not just in Stock but also in Dean, a man seemingly happy to ply his trade without having to jump through hoops and play the publicity game, an 'actor' not a movie star.

Although the characters are superficially different, beneath the surface they share a kinship with this internal debate, one that slowly drip-feeds throughout the film. Their relationship is almost *quid pro quo* – Stock wants to shoot Dean so that he can use the actor's rising profile to boost his own career;

Dean doesn't want to sell his soul to celebrity, but realises that being shot by Stock could be best option of them all. While their similarities are clear, their constant bristling gives the film a dynamic.

The pair are well played by Pattinson and DeHaan. For the former, it is a clever piece of casting, putting Pattinson as a foil to a film star whose profile has skyrocketed and whose every move is scrutinised, and while he could have brought plenty to the Dean character, he essays the character of Stock with a sly desperation and desire to make the best of his situation.

While the pair strike up what seems to be an unlikely friendship, there are small moments (a camera appearing at a dinner table) where the relationship between them is made clear.

For DeHaan, playing an icon in Dean could have been a burden, but instead he plays the man beneath the icon. Befuddled by his burgeoning celebrity, his care-free personality hides a desire for things to stay as they are, a visit to his family's farm which takes up much of the film's second half; an intriguing insight below the surface that DeHaan nails beautifully.

There isn't much in the way of pace, Corbijn allowing the film to move naturally and very much driven by the characters, which some may find a little too slow for their tastes. While it may not be the zippiest film, however, *Life* is an intriguing study of relationships driven by need, of celebrity culture and of a James Dean shorn of his status.

**VERDICT** – A slow-burner of a film, *Life* may not move quickly but packs quite a punch through its lead performances of Robert Pattinson and Dan DeHaan. Well-directed by Anton Corbijn, the film plays as an interesting look under the surface of celebrity culture. Enjoyable.

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# *Coffee and cake with AM raises £760 for Macmillan*

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After being a guest for many years at the annual cancer fundraising event, she invited constituents to join her for coffee and cakes at Golau Caredig-a Hafod Care scheme.

It is the Vale's first extra care housing scheme and benefited from more than £5m from the Welsh Government.

The AM reported: "The coffee morning was a great success, hosted with the support of Hafod Care and raising £760.01. I must thank the residents and staff for supporting the event at this fantastic location. Thank you to all who came – it was wonderful to raise so much money for such a good cause."

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## Penarth Ramblers' walks take in Wye and Wiltshire

**SEVEN Penarth and District Ramblers, including leader Phil, travelled up to Aldbourne to tramp along ridges and old byways, while passing a variety of historic burial mounds and small villages, as well as the lovely countryside of Wiltshire, where the downs are composed of chalky soil.**

Leaving the typical English village green, they noted the Bronze Age barrow known as the Giant's Grave before moving on to the small hamlet of Upper Upham, dating back to Roman times and the impressive Upham Hall, a 16th century mansion house.

They moved on to Liddington Castle, a hill fort over 2,000 years old built to command the view over the River Og valley; and then on to overlook an old World War Two airfield where Easy Company of the US Army 101 Airborne Division were based in 1944 before D-Day (they were featured in TV's *Band of Brothers)*, before descending back to Aldbourne.

### Wye walk

***EIGHT walkers, including leader Joy, headed up to Monmouth and, crossing the River Wye, climbed by road and through woodland to the Roundhouse at the Kymin, where views over the town and beyond were obscured by thick mist.***

After exploring the Naval Temple where the victories of 16 British naval admirals are recorded, including Nelson, who visited the town and the temple in August 1802, Offa's Dyke Path led them to Upper Redbrook. At Newland, they explored All Saints Church, also known as the Cathedral of the Forest.

Savage Hill led them down to Valley Brook. They later passed the remains of the disused stone Monmouth Viaduct and iron-built Duke of Beaufort Bridge, which carried the railway line connecting both sides of the river. Following the narrow path beside Monmouth School playing fields, once the site of The Gamblings, a ship-building yard, they re-crossed the Wye Bridge and made their way back into Monmouth town.

*On October 3*, meet at 8.30am at Cogan Leisure Centre for a 10-mile hard walk from Pencelli taking in Bryn and the Talybont Forest; contact Phil on 01446 711533.

*On October 4*, meet at 9.30am at the Barry Waterfront for a five-mile easy/moderate half day walk taking in Cwm Nash and Wick; contact Geraint on 029 2051 5278.

*Follow the group log onto www.penarthramblers.wordpress.com Programmes and membership advice can be obtained from Pam on 029 2025 5102.*

**JOY STRANGWARD**

## *Vale MP joins half-marathon to boost Alzheimer's charity*

***THE Vale MP Alun Cairns and staff from Filco stores in the Vale will be running the 13-mile Cardiff Half Marathon on Sunday, October 4, in support of Alzheimer's Society.***

*Mr Cairns said: "It is fantastic to see work colleagues from our local Filco shops come together to run for such a good cause like the Alzheimer's Society. Many families in the Vale are impacted directly by dementia, so it will be very rewarding to see much-needed funds being raised in such a positive way."*

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*If you would like to have a chat with Sue, contact her on 07795 964066; email cardiffhypnotherapysolutions@gmail.com or visit www.cardiffhypnotherapysolutions.co.uk.*

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# CERDYN POST O TOKYO

**MAE Alun Simpson, sy'n 38 oed, yn gyfieithydd ac yn byw yn Tokyo.**

***Un o ble ydych chi'n wreiddiol*?**

Ces i fy magu yn City ar gyrion gwledig y Bontfaen, sy'n bentref bach iawn o ddeg o dai. Does neb yn siwr iawn beth yw tarddiad yr enw, na chwaith os oes enw Cymraeg. Es i Ysgol Glantaf yn y cyfnod pan mai dyna oedd yr unig ysgol uwchradd cyfrwng Cymraeg yn Ne Morgannwg. Mae gen i lawer o atgofion melys o'r cyfnod hwnnw, ac roedd fy mlwyddyn i'n llawn cymeriadau diddorol!

***Sut lanioch chi yn Tokyo a beth ydych chi'n ei wneud yno?***

Ar ôl graddio mewn Hanes Tseina a Siapan ym Mhrifysgol Caergrawnt, ro'n i awydd teithio a gweld y byd, felly fe enillais i gymhwyster dysgu ar gynllun cyfnewid JET, sy'n gosod siaradwyr Saesneg mewn ysgolion yn Siapan. Trwy hynny, ffeindiais i waith yn ninas fechan Gifu ger Nagoya.

Fe ddysgais i'r iaith Siapaneg tra'n gweithio gyda JET, ac ar ôl gorffen gyda'r cynllun hwnnw, dechreuais i weithio fel cyfieithydd gyda chwmni mawr, cyn mynd ar fy liwt fy hun. Dwi'n cyfieithu yn bennaf ym maes cyfrifiaduron, technoleg gwybodaeth, electroneg defnyddwyr, ceir ac ati.

Er mor braf oedd Gifu, roedd atyniad y ddinas fawr yn ormod o demtasiwn, felly symudais i Tokyo 8 mlynedd yn ôl. Dwi'n byw yn Ikebukuro, yng ngogledd-orllewin y ddinas, sy'n adnabyddus am y tylluanod a'r pengwiniaid lleol; mae 'na hyd yn oed far yno lle cewch chi yfed yng ngwmni'r pengwiniaid!

***Disgrifiwch eich diwrnod delfrydol yn Tokyo...***

Bydde fy niwrnod delfrydol yn Tokyo yn dechrau â brecwast hwyr o bicnic ym Mharc Yoyogi. Ar benwythnosau fe welwch chi bob math o bobol yno, o hen rocars yn dawnsio i gerddoriaeth o'r 1950au ac ymladdwyr crefft, i ddawnswyr hip-hop yn ymarfer eu symudiadau.

Erbyn y prynhawn, fe gerddwn i draw i Harajuku – ardal sy'n

fyd-enwog am ei ffasiynau hollol wallgo', gyda phlant ysgol yn gwisgo fel cymeriadau animé a goths.

Yna, ymlaen ar hyd Omotesando, un o strydoedd siopa crandiaf Tokyo, i arsylwi ffasiynau diweddaraf criw tipyn mwy soffistigedig. Fe gyrhaeddwn i Stadiwm Jingu, cartref tîm y Yakult Swallows, mewn pryd i wylio gêm bêl fas Siapan, ac mae yno wastad awyrgylch wych, gyda'r cefnogwyr brwd yn llafarganu p'run ai'n ennill neu'n colli (colli fel arfer, ond fel un o gefnogwyr tîm pêl-droed Dinas Caerdydd, dwi wedi hen arfer â hynny).

Byddai'r dydd yn dod i ben yn Shibuya, sef ardal llawn bars a bwytai sy'n boblogaidd iawn gyda phobol ifanc, gan fwynhau cwrw neu ddau cyn dal y trên olaf adre.

***Pa lefydd yn Tokyo y byddech chi'n annog i unrhywun o Fro Morgannwg ymweld â nhw, i gael blas go dda o'r ddinas honno?***

Amgueddfa Gelf Mori ar 53ed llawr Roppongi Hills, sef canolfan siopa ac adloniant enwocaf Tokyo. Yno mae'r casgliad gorau o gelf cyfoes o Siapan ac Asia, ond gwell fyth yw'r dec gwylio, lle gewch chi olygfa wych o Tokyo.

Gwell fyddai mynd yno fin nos, pan fo'r awyrlun dinesig fel petai'n ymddangos yn ddi-ddiwedd. Bydden i hefyd yn awgrymu eich bod chi'n profi Shimokitazawa, ardal hynod cŵl yng ngorllewin Tokyo, lle mae na lawer o fariau bach hip, lle gewch chi argraff wahanol iawn o'r ddinas i gymharu â'r ardaloedd bach Siapaneaidd Izakaya sydd i'w canfod o gwmpas gorsaf Ueno.

Dyma ardal dipyn mwy cyffredin yn Tokyo, lle mae pobol yn fwy hamddenol, ac yn fwy tebygol o ddechrau sgwrs gyda chi o gwmpas y byrddau cymunedol.

***Beth ydych chi'n ei golli fwyaf am Gymru?***

Dwi'n colli fy nheulu a fy ffrindiau, wrth gwrs, a mynychu gemau tîm pêl-droed Dinas Caerdydd – ond dwi ddim yn colli'r tywydd!

# Gweithgareddau Hanner Tymor Hydref

**BYDD Menter Bro Morgannwg yn parhau i gynnal y Cynllun Gofal Gwyliau – gofal gwyliau Cymraeg drwy'r dydd i blant ysgolion cynradd Bro Morgannwg.**

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# Mynd am Dro yn y Fro...i Sili gan 'Dai Lingual'

**MAE'N siŵr nad amcan y pwyllgora sy'n gyfrifol am ddewis enw pentrefi yw i greu testun gwawd, ond prin yw'r siaradwr Cymraeg nad sy'n edrych ddwywaith ar enw'r pentref yma wrth yrru yn Sili: mae Sully ei hun i glywed yn enw digon amhleserus yn yr iaith fain heb sôn am yr enw Sili yma sy gennym – y cwestiwn (fel arfer!) yw felly – beth sydd wrth wraidd yr enw?**

Fy nheimlad / damcaniaeth i cyn ymchwilio'n fwy lleol oedd mai "Si y Lli" oedd y gwreiddyn hwn – roeddwn arfer byw yn nhŷ o'r enw "Sŵn yr Awel" ac o bosib yn deisyfu am gysyniad tebyg o glywed y tonnau'n taro'r arfordir ger traeth y Bendric ger Y Sili; ardal hollbwysig o ongl paleontolegol fel mae'r deinosor bach (oes yna enw eto?) yn Amgueddfa Cymru yng Nghaerdydd yn arddangos. Does dim lle gwell yn yr haf, ond peidiwch ddweud wrth neb, mae'n gyfrinach!

Fodd bynnag, wedi gofyn i rai o Gymry Cymraeg pentref Sili (sydd nid trwy hap yn cydfyw yn yr un tŷ) mae'n lawer fwy tebyg mai Abersili oedd enw'r pentref yn wreiddiol; a bod hynny'n deillio nid o enw afon na nant ond yn hytrach Sant sy'n Sili – er nad mor sili efallai â'r trend diweddaraf o gael dynion tywydd i yngan enw sy'n cynnwys Llan-tŷ-Siliog.

Gyda llaw, fel brodor o Geredigion, hoffwn gymryd y cyfle i'ch atgoffa taw Llanfihangel Genau'r Glyn oedd yr enw hiraf yng Nghymru cyn i berchnogion y rheilffordd newid enw Llanfair P.G. (lle oeddwn i hefyd yn byw am gyfnod i fod yn deg) i'r enw hiraf heddiw. A phwy newidiodd Llanfihangel Genau'r Glyn i fod yn Llandre? British Rail. Nawr dyna beth yw sili!

Ceir hefyd pentref Sili-an yng Ngheredigion, sef man gen Julian Cayo-Evans, y Cenedlaetholwr Cymreig sydd erbyn hyn â thafarn wedi enwi i'w goffau, er mai stori arall yw honno: FWA yn hytrach na FYA yw'r ffaith hynny i ddweud y gwirhefyd! Mae'r eglwys yn Silian ger Llanbedr Pont Steffan wedi ei chysegru yn enw Sant Silian, ac i ddweud y gwir yn blaen, pentref arall yn enw Silian yw Sili wedi'r cwbl.

Os oes gennych flas am ddod o hyd i hanes rhywle'n lleol i chi, neu am gymorth i wneud hynny; dewch i gyswllt g y d a david@cymunedau.org 02920 707 469 neu gallwch ysgrifennu at Dai Lingual, 16 Lewis Rd, Llandochau Fach, Penarth, Bro Morgannwg gyda eich syniadau chi i'r golofn fisol hon. Diolch!

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**Fel rheol mae gyda chi feddwl agored a ry'ch chi'n ardderchog am gymodi mewn ffrae. Mae'n bosib eich bod yn gerddorol hefyd.**

**Serch hynny mae wynebu'r gwirionedd yn eich poeni weithiau, ac fe allwch ddweud celwydd i osgoi'r gwir. Rydych chi'n dueddol o ddilyn y llwybr hawsaf mewn bywyd.**

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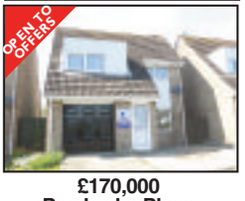
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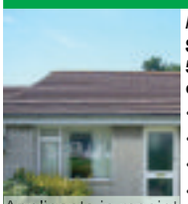

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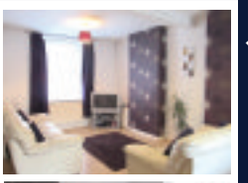

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- Potential to buy fully/part furnished if desired
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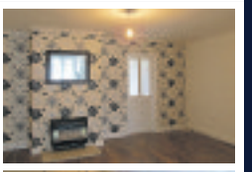
£124,000



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- Gas central heating & double glazed
- Gardens to the front & rear
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- Offered freehold with vacant possession & no chain

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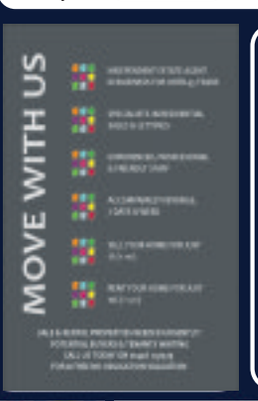


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One bedroom, Bathroom
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NEW

**Porthkerry Rd**
**Barry £155,000**
Sought after location
Bay fronted house
Three bedrooms
25 foot living room
Kitchen/breakfast room
Landscaped rear garden
No onward chain

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**Regent St**
**Barry £116,000**
Town centre location
Lounge/diner
Two double bedrooms
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NEW

**Merthyr Dyfan Rd**
**Barry £140,000**
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Living/dining room
Conservatory
Gardens & parking

NEW

**Glanfa Dfydd, Barry Waterfront**
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Waterfront location
Balcony with stunning views
Two double bedrooms
Kitchen/diner
Living room & study
Must be viewed

NEW

**York Place**
**Barry £195,000**
Superb location
Substantial family home
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Two bathrooms & ensuite
Gardens & garage

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**Newland St**
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Five piece bathroom
South west facing garden

NEW PRICE

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NEW PRICE

**Mountbattern Road**
**Barry £132,950**
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End of Terrace
Two bedrooms
Living Room
Bathroom & WC
Rear Garden & Driveway

NEW PRICE

**Dock View Road**
**Barry £120,000**
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**Barry £110,000**
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Loft room
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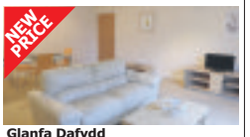
NEW PRICE

**Cornwall Rise**
**Barry £112,000**
Perfect starter home
Two bedrooms
End of terrace
Good sized garden
Raised decked area
Living room
No chain

NEW PRICE

**Rhodf'r Gwagenni**
**Barry £100,000**
Top Floor Apartment
Juliet Balcony
NO CHAIN
Two Bedrooms
Allocated Parking

NEW PRICE



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**Barry £115,500**
First Floor Apartment
Two Bedrooms
En Suite
Lounge/Diner
Balcony Partial Water Views

NEW PRICE

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GCH Combi
Well Presented
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**Caer Mead Close, Boverton**
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**Greys Drive, Llantwit Major**
3 Bedrooms
Conservatory
Rare Example
**£137,950** C75

**Caer Mead Close, Llantwit Major**
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**Ash Lane, St Athan**
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Resting at W.A. Brown & Son, Llantwit Major until the funeral service in St. Iltud's Church on Friday, October 16 at 2pm, followed by interment at Boverton Cemetery. Family flowers only but donations may be made to Help for Heroes c/o the Funeral Home (cheques only).

# THOMAS
## David Charles

**Unexpectedly on September 21 at his home in Llantwit Major, David in his 91st year, beloved husband of the late Margaret, dearly loved father of Yvonne and Beverly, father-in-law of Kelvin and Phil, much loved grandfather of Nicky-Jane, Debbie-Anne, David and Nicholas, grandfather-in-law of Andy, great grandfather of Jaimee-Leigh, Billie-Joe, Phoebe and Eloise.**

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# DAVIS
## Gordon

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# JONES
## David Gareth

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# HANLON
## Vince

**Margaret and family would like to thank everyone who attended the celebration of the life of a wonderful man. Thank you for all the cards, flowers and donations of £300 for "Vale Plus". A special thank you goes to Lyndsay and staff and a big thank you goes to Tony Leeson for giving the uplifting service.**

# EVANS
## Evan Dilwyn

**Peacefully but suddenly at his home on Wednesday 16th September 2015. Dilwyn of Ynysddu, Pontyclun, will be sadly missed by all his family and friends.**

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## Public Notice

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(to be served on an owner* or a tenant** or to be published in a newspaper (and, where the local planning authroity maintain one on their website))

Proposed development at (a) **Former Peterston Rail Station - Station Terrace, Peterston-Super-Ely.**

I give notice that (b) **Michelle Bagshaw** is applying to the (c) **Vale of Glamorgan Council** (Local Planning Authority) (Welsh Ministers) for planning permission to (d) **Build 12 affordable houses, of 1; 2 and 3 bedrooms.**

Members of the public may inspect copies of: the application, the plans and other documents submitted with it at (c) **Dock Office, Barry Docks, Barry CF63 4RT** during all reasonable hours until (f) **14 days from publication of this notice** and online at (g) **www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk.**

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Signed **Isaac Benjuya, Anderson and Associates (S.W.) LTD (Agent)** on behalf of **Michelle Bagshaw (Applicant).**

Date: **1st October 2015**

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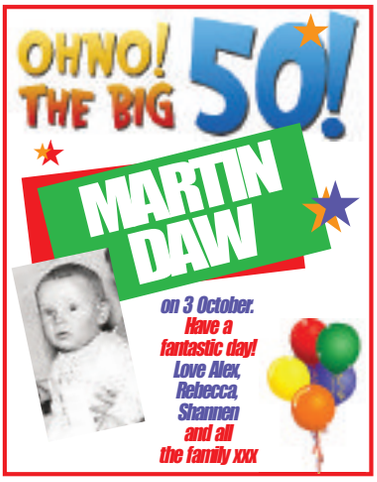
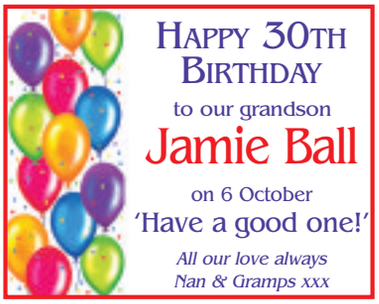
## Birthdays

Happy Birthday my darling "Roo" wishing you a wonderful day.

We love you so much from all your family here and in Argentina xxx

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*A Big Thank You*

**Rosalie Fido** would like to give a big thank you to her fantastic family and to all that helped celebrate her 80th birthday. She was overwhelmed by all the cards, flowers, gifts and good wishes. She hopes you enjoyed it as much as she did.

*Rose*

**Sheila Pritchard**

*Would like to thank the firemen for the fantastic care they gave her when another person drove straight at her in her car, also the police and all involved who assisted at the scene and at the hospital. As her car was so badly damaged and is now a write-off.*

# COWBRIDGE UNDER-10s TAKE DISTRICT TITLE

**IN bright September sunshine, Cowbridge RFC under-10s took two teams, the Bears and the Antelopes, to the district tournament in Llandaff, with a total of 20 teams competing for the prestigious trophy.**

In their pool, the Bears were first up against Llandaff B. We were caught napping and lost against a strong unit 4-0, but this was the low point of the day, with a scoreless draw against Llantwit Major, a 1-1 draw against Old Pens B, with L Thomas bursting through the middle from close range and Joe Davies closing off the pool matches scoring in the corner for a 1-0 win against Fairwater.

Narrowly missing out on a top two finish, the Bears went through to the quarter finals of the knock-out Plate competition.

The Antelopes' first game in their pool was against Llandaff A, where we won 3-0, with try scorers Henry Davies, George Tuckley and Osian Bruce. Next up was Old Pens A, who we beat 6-0, try scorers, two each for Harry New, Osian Bruce and George Tuckley.

We then played CRICC, running out winners 3-1, with tries from Henry and two more from Harry. The final pool match was against Clwb Rugbi, which we won 7-1, with a hat-trick of tries for both James Lord and Harry, and one for Ben Stephenson.

Topping the pool, the Antelopes went through to the quarter finals of the knock-out Cup competition, where they came through a close match 2-0, with Henry and Harry adding to their try count against our friends Pentyrch. The team came up against Llandaff B in the semi-final, winning 3-0, with another try for George and two more for in-form Harry, so progressed through to the final against unbeaten Llanishen.

The Bears' opponents in the quarter finals had already left, so we had a bye into the semi-finals, for a place in the final of the Plate. This was a match too far for the boys, and with the injury count increasing, we lost to a well-tuned Llandaff A side. The boys left it all out on the pitch and should feel very proud.

The Bears picked themselves up and went straight over to the other pitch to cheer on the Antelopes, who were just about to kick off in the final of the Cup.

This was a tough game for both sides after such a long day of physical rugby. Neither side gave an inch with some ferocious tackles from both teams, the majority of the first part of the game taking place in the middle of the pitch.

Slowly our forwards started forcing Llanishen back and the ball went out to Harry on the wing, who weaved his way through to open the scoring for Cowbridge.

Llanishen then had a break of their own, with Jake Davies making a try-saving tackle but the forwards were not about to allow their line to be breached. Ioan Phillips, Joe Arentsen, Henry Whitehouse and Ned Rees galvanised the rest of their team mates with some superb defensive tackles, before managing to break through the Llanishen attacking line.

Sam Sheppard gathered the ball from yet another strong ruck from James Collingridge, offloaded superbly to Osian who finished the day, crossing over into the corner for a thoroughly well-deserved 2-0 win for Cowbridge, who were crowned the district winners. Well done to all the squad.

*Squad: Sam Sheppard, Osian Bruce, James Collingridge, Harry New, Joe Arentson, Ioan Phillips, Ned Rees, George Tuckley, Henry Davies, Henry Whitehouse, James Lord, Jake Davies, Ben Stephenson, Charlie Berkley-Smith, Joe Davies, L Thomas, Will Brennan, Paddy Whitestone, Josh Canning, Jacob Robson, Wil Martin, Corey Williams, Ollie Gale and Joseph Funtek.*

**AL**

# Vale Karate pick up medals at event

**EVENT three of this season's Welsh Karate League, held at Penarth Leisure Centre on September 27 was another hugely successful one for Vale Karate, as the squad won nine gold medals, 12 silvers and 14 bronzes.**

Vale Karate's classes for young people with disabilities and special needs delivered four medals in the special needs category with Bradley James taking the gold medal in the under-14 category, ahead of Jared Butcher in silver medal position, with Lucas Widdrington winning the bronze medal. Asa Madsen took the silver in the 14 years plus category.

Josh Dwyer and Harrison Williams, competing as the Vale Vipers, remained unbeaten this season in the pairs kata event, taking their third straight gold medal, beating their team-mates Max Baker and Jack George (the Vale Falcons) in the final.

Vale Karate had all four medalists in the under-8 girls kata event, with 8-year-old Daisy Vann taking her third gold medal of the season, beating first timer Talia Efstathiou (7), in the final.

Vale Karate's youngest competitors, Amelie Fisher (6), and Angel Manayani, just five years old, were in joint bronze medal position.

The under-10 girls kata was another all-Vale final; however a surprise was in store as Ellie Jayne Farrugia took her first ever gold medal, beating Ella Lyons, the winner of the first two events, in the final.

Griff Hughes and Chiara Baker, both 11 years old, and both winners of WUKF European medals, each won their own half of the draw in the under-16 Shotokan event to meet in the final.

Each is being pushed by the other to greater heights and their final was very impressive. Griff was judged to have the edge and rewarded by the gold medal; Emma Squire took the bronze medal.

Chiara went on to take two further medals, a bronze in the under-12 kata and a silver in the under-12 girls kumite.

Little Greg James always has to battle bigger opponents, but this little warrior lacks nothing in determination or bravery and against the odds took the gold medal.

Team-mate Nathan Shepherd, silver medallist in WKL I and champion in WKL II, took the bronze to hold a full set this season. Nathan also took an under- 10 kata bronze.

Jack George overcame the odds to beat his illustrious team mate Josh Dwyer, the newly-crowned British International Open Champion, in the final of the under-14 boys kumite to take the gold medal.

Neither Finnian O'Donovan nor Sam Stacey managed to progress to the individual medal positions in the under-12s; however they were on fire in the team event and joined by Chiara Baker, Vale beat Cardiff and Wattstown to take the gold medal.

Leah Copeland is always in with a shout at two gold medals as she is equally adept at both kata and kumite.

She was surprisingly beaten in the kata final, but was not to be denied in kumite and showed that the standard she displayed at the British International Open, when she took two kumite golds was no fluke as she conceded just one point and scored 19 on her way to her third consecutive WKL kumite gold medal.

Vale Karate entered competitors in 22 categories, earning medals in 20 of those.

There are several events on the horizon with the next WKL event; WKL IV taking place in Bridgend on November 1.

*Pictured above, from left, are: Angel Manayani (5), Amelie Fisher (6), Talia Efstathiou (7) and Daisy Vann (8).*

**RC**

# Presentation night at Romilly Bowls Club

**BARRY Romilly Bowls Club ladies' and men's sections will hold their annual presentation night this Saturday at the BP Club, Market Street, from 7.30pm with live music once again from Norman Pereira.**

After last year's inaugural presentation night, which was enjoyed by all, this year is expected to be even better, especially as Romilly men are the new champions of the First Division of the Cardiff Municipal League (CML).

The club's 'A' side also won the fifth division and the SVLA Cup, plus the midweek teamclub which has never won a league division before in its 107 year history.

The presentation night is to honour bowlers who have won competitions this season, and the recipients are as follows:

**Ladies' Competitions:**

Champion Singles – runner-up Myra Newman, winner Beryl Holmes;

Novice Singles – runner-up Lynne Lafford, winner Gaynor Taylor.

Handicap Singles – runner-up Rita Jones, winner Myra Newman.

2 Wood Singles – runners-up Lynne Lafford/Jac McPherson, winners Angels Hort/Judy Davies.

4 Wood Pairs – runners-up Angela Hort/Jan Noble, winners Gaynor Taylor/Myra Newman.

Triples – runners-up Ann, Haines/Alma Shepherd/Beryl Holmes, winners Shirley O'Donovan/Diane Wyatt/Myra Newman.

Rinks – runners-up Ann Haines/Angela Hort; Judy Davies/Myra Newman, winners Faye Woolcock/Anne Johnston; Marilyn Werner/Norma Goodrich.

**Men's Competitions:**

Championship Singles – runner-up Phil Gershenson, winner Jeff Wright.

Mottram Singles – runner-up Dave Noble, winner Jeff Coles.

Tim Evans Singles – runner-up Mike Gronow, winner Jeff Coles.

Handicap Singles – runner-up Mel Newman, winner Jeff Wright.

Two Wood Singles – runner-up Mel Newman, winner Jeff Wright.

Four Wood Pairs – runners-up Jeff Coles/Fred Phillips, winners Gwyne Rees/Rhys Phillips.

Triples – runners-up Colin Davies/Mike Gronow/Rhys Phillips, winners Jeff Coles/Des Bannister/Paul Clarke.

Rinks – runners-up Des Bannister/Alf Woolcock; Rhys Phillips/Roger Jones, winners Colin Davies/Terry Bloomfield; Brian Cheal/Mike Doyle.

**Mixed Competitions:**

Two Wood Mixed Pairs – runneres-up Des Cameron/Myra Newman, winners Jacquie McPherson/Mel Newman.

Mixed Rinks – runners-up Shirley Donovan/Alan Bannister; Jo Jeeves/Mike Doyle, winners Phil Herbert/Margaret Lalande;Kelvyn Mills/Myra Newman.

# *Game of two halves as Athletic are knocked out*

**LEADING 1-0 at half-time with a goal from Teejay Caton the Athletic felt that they were in control of this well-attended South Wales Intermediate Cup first round match against Splott Cons Old Boys.**

With Frank Roe and Ben Pearce stepping into the squad and not looking out of place, the general feeling for the half-time team talk was more of the same and the Athletic would be looking out for the second round draw!

Splott came out of the traps like a greyhound at the start of the second half and Athletic were in turmoil. Two goals in quick succession and a red card for an Athletic midfielder the tables turned rapidly.

The rest of the game saw Splott constantly on the attack and the inevitable came with another three goals and another red card for the Athletic, finishing the game with nine men.

A disappointing end to what could have been a great return to the Athletic ground; thanks to all supporters that turned out and to Ben Jones Building Contractor for sponsoring the match ball.

Athletic have a community open day this Saturday, October 3 - anyone that is interested in becoming involved with a local club at any age can join us. Please feel free to come along to the Athletic ground where there will be football matches from 10am until 4pm.

**AG**


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**ON AND OFF THE TURF with Brian Lee**

# Brian's 50 years between the flags!

**WHEN the new point-to-point season gets under way in a couple of months' time, The GEM's Brian Lee will have been covering the sport known as racing between-the-flags, for half-a-century.**

**Brian first started reporting on the Welsh hunt racing scene for the Horse & Hound, Western Mail, The Sporting Life, Racing Post, The GEM and many other national and local newspapers.**

**With the help of his book, *The Races Came Off – The story of point-to-point racing in South and West Wales*, Brian looks back to the very first meetings he covered back in 1966:**

I wonder how many racegoers at the Cheltenham National Hunt festival meeting of 1966, watching *Snowdra Queen* sprinting away from *Mr Worth* in the United Hunts Challenge Cup, realised that, but for a quirk of fate, Bill Jones, who was plugging away on *Mr Worth,* might well have been riding the winner?

*Snowdra Queen*'s owner, Mrs Jackie Brutton, had travelled to Wales two years earlier to buy what she thought to be the best point-to-pointer in the principality – *Mr Worth*. But *Mr Worth*'s owner, Jack Thomas, of St Athan, turned down her offer of £3,000, so she settled for what was rated the second best, *Snowdra Queen*.

Had *Snowdra Queen* stayed in Wales, then no doubt Castleton's Bill Jones would have continued to ride her. Bill Jones, who in the course of his long riding career suffered many injuries, including a broken leg, a cracked collar bone, a twisted stomach and various other smaller injuries, landed his 100th winner at the Llangeinor evening fixture at Penllyn (I believe this was the first meeting I reported on).

The victory came in the men's open race when he partnered Owen Stephens' *Double A* to a four lengths win over *Paloma Bridge*. Besides winning two other point-to-points this season, *Double A* scored in a hunter chase at Taunton.

A notable absentee in ladies' races was *Tarpan*, who had dropped dead after running in the ladies' open race at the north Hereford meeting the previous season.

So it was left to *Andy 11* and *Ridgeway Cross* to share the honours. The former had eight races and the only time he failed to finish out of the first three was when slipping up on a bend in his final race of the season.

*Andy 11*'s first success came at the Tredegar Farmers, at Lower Machen, when beating *Zut* and *Blenalink*.

*Andy 11* also caused a surprise at the Ross Harriers when accounting for *Trixie V1* and *Athlonian*.

At the Pentyrch at Llanharry, *Andy 11* got up in the last few strides to beat *Ridgeway Cross*.

The fourth win was at the Curre at Howick, and was one of the most thrilling races of the season.

After lying right out of his ground in the early stages came with a strong late run over the last two obstacles to beat *Zut* by a neck with *Ridgeway Cross* less than a length away in third place.

The first of *Ridgeway Cross*' four wins came at the Golden Valley where, with Penarth's Jackie Savage in the saddle, he came home 15 lengths clear of the odds-on favourite, *Uncle Coke*.

At the Llangeinor and Glamorgan fixtures, he beat the same horse – *Zut* – to record his second and third successes.

*Ridgeway Cross*' fourth win, however, was gained at the expense of the five-year-old chestnut gelding *Appian Knight* at the Carmarthen, at Killay.

Of the old faithfuls, one must mention 15-year-old *Blenalink*, who besides scoring a shock win over *Gledhill Win* at the Brecon at Llanfrynach, also forced a dead-heat with *Mr Teddy* at the south Hereford.

*Zut,* who had been runner-up on four occasions, had a rather bloodless victory at the Llangibby at Penhow, near Chepstow, where he finished alone after solitary rival, *Hitched*, failed to complete the course.

A nice sort was Mr D J Isaac's 10-year-old bay gelding *Knightwick*, who won four races with Cowbridge farmer John Llewellyn in the saddle.

*Knightwick* was responsible, I believe, for giving Llewellyn his first ever win, one of those horses that won his races from the front, either disputing the lead or making it, and he was greatly assisted by his rider.

Another good sort was the ex-steeplechaser *Bwana* who, with Roger Lewis aboard, won three open races. Perhaps *Bwana*'s best performance was in beating *Double A* by a short head at the Curre. *Witty Tom* was third and *Knightwick* fourth.

*Mayfair 11*, ridden by Richard Willis, the rider associated with those two good hunter chasers *Baulking Green* and *Chaos*, won her first three races before going on to be placed fourth in the Lady Dusley Cup at the Worcestershire Hunt.

Willis was also the rider of *First Sea Lord*, a well-bred gelding who won his final three races of the season.

*Witty Tom* ran in the Welsh Grand National at Chepstow, but fell two fences from home when in the rear.

He did win a hunter chase at Hereford, however, beating *Silver Fortune* and *Trunks*.

*Trunks* rewarded his followers with a long-priced win in a hunter chase at Warwick when ridden by his owner/rider Rhys Williams father of Llancarfan trainer Evan Williams.

A couple of years later, Evan's mother Mary, now Mary Evans, had her first win on *Trunks* in the members' race at the Glamorgan Hunt Point-To-Point.

The biggest surprise of the season came at the Pentyrch Hunt Steeplechases at Llanharry when 13-year-old *Old Beauty*, who had not seen a racecourse fence in two years, romped home in the hands of young Tudor Harris of Bonvilston.

And those who had a tote two shilling bet on *Old Beauty* in the members' race, for which there were just seven runners, picked-up £6.9s 6d.

*You can e-mail your point-to-point memories to brianlee4@virginmedia.com or phone him on 02920736438.*

# AFC PLAY HOST TO LOCAL TEAMS

*Llantwit Major AFC under-8s.*

**IT was Llantwit Major AFC under-8s' turn to play the host on Saturday, welcoming teams from Inter Penarth, Rhoose and Cogan to Windmill Lane; with the sun shining it was perfect conditions for football and the kids didn't disappoint.**

Every player gave it their all and fully enjoyed the run out. The Llantwit coaches have been rotating their goalkeepers to give everyone a fair chance at the new position and the players have taken the opportunity well, putting in a fantastic effort.

Llantwit Saints coach Rob Kemp awarded his player of the week certificate to Ethan Bacon who ran himself into the ground. He can always be relied upon to lead the way and puts in 100 per cent effort every week.

Llantwit Lions coach Andrew Collinson's certificate went to goalkeeper, Finley Wheaton, who is normally found at the other end of the pitch knocking the goals in, but this week kept his team in the hunt, pulling off some fantastic saves.

The Llantwit Dragons award could only go to one player who didn't stop tackling all day and provided great support to the rest of the team - Lili Callard was outstanding and received praise from the opposition coaches for her efforts.

**IG**

# 'Ryder Cup' battle takes place at the St Athan Golf Club

**THE suspense at the end of the Wales v England rugby game was nothing in comparison to the emotions felt by the competitors in the Elwyn Ryder Cup, played the same day at St Athan Golf Club.**

*The Combined Services and Civilians teams.*

This is the popular annual head-to-head between the Combined Services and the Civilians; 16 players in each team playing match-play foursomes in the morning and match-play singles in the afternoon.

As tradition dictates, the draw for pairings, matches and opponents had taken place the previous evening and it was down to Andy McIntyre and Phil Rees, playing for the Combined Services, to tee off first in their challenge against Gerald Thomas and Ethan Allison.

At the midway stage, with the eight foursome games completed and the scoreboard showing 5-3 to the Civilians, the 32 players couldn't wait to finish their lunch and resume the battle - pride was at stake!

With 14 of the singles matches finished the running scoreboard was displaying that the Services and the Civilians were both sitting with 11 points.

The two matches that were still 'live' saw Trevor Graham one up for the Services team in one game and Kyle Bladen one up for the Civvies in the other, both games with four holes to play.

Team captains, fellow competitors and spectators were confident that a draw would be the final result, Trev and Kyle, both playing off single figures, were paired against Jon Pengelly and John Reid with handicaps of 16 and 12 respectively.

As predicted Kyle maintained his lead to add another point on the board for the Civvies but no-one envisaged Jon 'chipping in' on the 16th for a three and then chipping on the 17th, hitting the pin and leaving his ball settle a few inches from the hole!

Jon was now one up going onto the 18th and even though Trev secured a par to win the hole, it left their match 'all square'.

The battle was over; 12.5-11.5 to the Civilians, a third consecutive win. With the competition board updated it means that since 1993, when the challenge started, each team now has their names appended 11 times (in 2002 the match was drawn).

At the evening presentation, Elwyn Parry (to whom the trophy is dedicated) presented the whisky-laden Ryder Cup trophy to the triumphant Civvies; the losing competitors could only watch as it slowly made its way around the victors, woe betide any loser actually touching the trophy!

One tradition out of the way and it was immediately followed by another, the challenge for next year and the much awaited 'gauntlet across the face' performed by the losing captain.

*Toasting the winning team.*

*Elwyn Parry surveys the scene!*

*The scoreboard!*

Photographs of the day along with the challenge video are available to view on the club's Facebook page, 'Stathan Golfclub'.

*The members warmly welcome new civilian and military players, especially those who are Ryder Cup enthusiasts - for further information phone 01446 751043.*

**CAROL MORGAN**

*Liz Fine, Jo Hopkins and Carole Allen.*

# Past captains at Brynhill Golf Club

*Liz Fine, Robbie Lee and Carole Allen.*

**CAROLE ALLEN is the past ladies captains' representative for Brynhill Golf Club.**

During the summer months Carole has organised regular golf competitions for the past ladies' captains. Every event has been thoroughly enjoyed and very well supported and is played over 10 or 12 holes.

Even when the weather hasn't been been ideal the ladies have braved the elements to give their support for Carole's hard work. On September 18, the competition held was for the coveted past captains' memorial cup, played over 18 holes.

June Sanderson and Rosemary Goldsmith, who are no longer playing members, were given a big welcome by all the ladies, and the prizes were presented in the clubhouse.

Winner Jo Hopkins 33 pts; runner-up Carole Allen 31 pts; third place Robbie Lee 29 pts. Carole was presented with a thank you gift from the past ladies captains for all her hard work.

**RESULTS**

*Marcus Watt Cup - winner Glenn Taylor - 69 nett; runner-up Andrew Anstee - 71 nett. Ken Murphy - winner Scott Nelson - 77 gross.*

**JK**

# *HONOURS EVEN FOR COGAN YOUTH TEAM*

**COGAN FC youth team shared the points in the South Wales east youth league encounter with Pentyrch in dramatic fashion.**

Cogan FC packed the midfield in a attacking formation creating chances from wide positions, the pace of Gabriel Paines was causing the away team problems and the talented forward produced a moment of magic when he beat two players before smashing the ball past the helpless goalkeeper to give Cogan FC the lead.

Further chances fell to Cogan FC but it was Pentrych FC who took advantage when a corner kick was headed home from the visitors.

In the second half Cogan FC again created countless chances with the defensive unit of Pearce, Frost, Ahmed and Tidley proving too strong for the visitors.

Following a slick move Cogan FC won a penalty when Paines, again proving a handful, was brought down for a 80th minute penalty; the player picked himself up to put Cogan 2-1 up.

A scrappy 10 minutes followed with the visitors seeking a equaliser following a eight match unbeaten run, and a quick free kick caught out Cogan FC when Pentrych equalised in the dying minutes.

*Next up for Cogan FC youth are Penrhiwceiber Rangers FC on Sunday, October 4.*

**PG**

# Sully bridge club results

**RESULTS for Monday, September 21:**

North/South - 1st Jane Brook/Peter Millar 71.96, 2nd Gareth Stone/Brian Gardner 63.94, 3rd Patsy Cohen/Joy Secular 55.77. East/West - 1st Anne Johns/John Pikoulis 68.43, 2nd Trish Tracy/Diana Jones 65.87, 3rd Hope Hall/Mary Cartwright 55.47.

Wednesday, September 23: North/South - 1st Vernon Pearn/Peter Blackwell 62.12, 2nd Peter Millar/Trish Tracy 54.92, 3rd Bunty Wiseman/Anne Johns 54.73. East/West - 1st Brian Gardner/Pat Verdon 60.04, 2nd Marnie Owens/Jean Sparkes 58.52, 3rd Helen Jordon/Judith Owen 56.44.

Saturday, September 26: North/South -1st Peter Millar/Trish Tracy 69.84, 2nd Kay Dyer/Reg Dyer 68.65, 3rd Barbara Burden/Sue Attley 55.56. East/West - 1st Bill Leyburn/Lynne Leyburn 62.30, 2nd Brenda Shepherd/Una Gavin 58.73, 3rd Hazel Craig/Peter Craig 51.98.

**EK**

# *Confident Coaches sought by Council!*

**THE Vale Council will soon be kicking off its new Confident Coaches Programme, aimed at increasing participation in sports among young people and adults and recognising their work through an accredited qualification.**

Cllr Gwyn John, Cabinet Member for Visible and Leisure Services, said: "The courses run by the council offer an excellent opportunity for people to learn and develop coaching skills in areas as diverse as coaching disabled people in sport to learning about the fundamentals of movement and first aid.

"These very different courses are about building confidence, developing leadership skills and inspiring participants to increase their participation in sport and who knows, to realise a career that had hitherto seemed aspirational rather than attainable."

He added: "People who know me will know my passion for sport and so this initiative is one that's very close to my heart.

"We all have talents in life but sometimes we need encouragement and guidance to realise those talents."

The Confident Coaches Programme will take place at the Civic Offices in Barry in October and November with the venue for the Fundamentals of Movement to be confirmed.

*Those wishing to book a place on one of the courses should contact the Vale of Glamorgan Council's Sports Development team on 01446 704793 or by email to kjdavies@valeof glamorgan.gov.uk; spaces are limited so please book early.*

# HORSE & HOUND JOURNALIST BRIAN ARMSTRONG HAS PASSED AWAY

**by BRIAN LEE**

**BRIAN ARMSTRONG, *Horse & Hound*'s point-to-point correspondent, has died after a long illness. He was 62.**

Armstrong, who lived in Somerset and shared the role of press officer for the Wessex area with his wife, Gill, was not only a talented writer, but also a photographer whose pictures were a feature of the magazine's point-to-point and hunter chase coverage.

He had become correspondent in 2007.

For the past two seasons he had defied the debilitating effects of cancer and continued to report from meetings, and over many years had gained the respect of owners, trainers, riders and officials, particularly in the West Country where he rarely missed a fixture.

Clare Hazell, chief executive of the Point-to-Point Authority, said: "Brian was a popular member of the point-to-point circuit, whose reporting was always accurate and entertaining. In spite of his illness he continued to attend meetings from the first day of the season until the last. He clearly loved the sport, but gave so much back in his reports.

*Brian Armstrong*

"We send our sincere condolences to Gill."

Cowbridge's Jeff Bird paid tribute to him: "Brian Armstrong was one of those rare people of whom it was always a joy to meet.

"During the past season I came across Brian at places as far flung as Brecon and Godstone on successive days and his presence always enhanced the pleasure of the race meeting.

"Mileage never seemed an issue if there was a good meeting to attend. Brian's pieces always rejoiced in the success of winning connections but he never forgot the unsuccessful who had taken part. He was a true gentleman and his reports reflected that.

"Brian and I enjoyed friendly rivalry banter as we had been at different Cambridge colleges, but should a certain horse win The Lady Dudley Cup someday, it will have been at Brian's suggestion that he might be suited by the Chaddersly Corbett track.

*"Whatever the outcome, as ever, it was wise advice freely given and much appreciated, something countless point to point folk will miss."*

# *Barry and District ladies skittle results*

**BARRY and District ladies skittle results for September 14 are as follows:**

**First division:** Allsorts (H James, R Dawe 26) 256, Special Angels (L Pearce 28) 267; Bobby's Girls (S Snelson 29) 221, Coppers (L Tiley 29) 260; Colcot Ladies (K Taylor 26) 224, Baker's Dozen (M Rockett, R Martin, S Davis 27) 271; Breakaways (L Burnett 32) 301, Cigar Ladies (K Richards 35) 321; Barry Stars (C Lambeth 36) 346, Castle Bandits (D Collard 36) 318.

**Second division:** Pila Palas (M Staniforth, S Potter 32) 325, Castaways (M Winder 35) 322; Merry Makers (H Davies 23) 215, Cad Con Fillies (S Thurston 23) 230; Rhoose ERavers (A Robinson 26) 220, Vixens (L Galsworthy 29) 251; Witchill widows (S Murray 34) 297, Little Devils (T Evans 35) 309; S V Lights (D Thomas, B Masterman 30) 262, Rhoose Starlights (D Stradlin, A White, K Bryan 28) 270, Witchill Weebies (R Royle 34) 316, After Eights (D Davies, P Mepham 32) 319.

**Third division:** Rugby Triers (E Nicoluo 25) 239, Persuaders (E Gardner 29) 253; S V Ladies (F Butler 29) 278, Hill Billies (M Brinkworth 33) 305; Etcetera (S Taylor 32) 272, Westenders (C Gee 25) 244; Airways Angels (A Sales, L Taylor 23) 211, La Belles (J Cordy 32) 239; Divas (T Sherlock 24) 224, Fallen Angels (J Mason 28) 262; Twilights (M Jenkins 25) 192, Friends and Neighbours (E Western 27) 190; Dolly Mixtures (P Brigham, L Marsh 25) 222, Roller Coasters --.

**Fourth division:** Guardian Angels (H Marshall 28) 215, Witchill Wanderers (V Kerslake 26) 187; Odd Bods (G Lewis 28) 260, Rebels (C Carter 32) 240; Nite Outers (L Newman 25) 229, Off The Rails (L McCormack 28) 233; Hell Raisers (J Rosser 30) 224, Liberals (S Shier 25) 179; Witches (W Williams 26) 228, Socialites (S Marks 27) 227.

# Comprehensive's netballers in action

**IT was Cowbridge Comprehensive School year-8's first netball game of the year against Llantwit.**

Cowbridge's A team took to the court first. The girls started well and their confidence grew as the game progressed. Excellent work from Amelie in the centre gave Cowbridge the edge.

Emma and Tilly made some excellent interceptions in defence in the first half. The game was very close but brilliant movement from Alice as GA provided Alexa and herself with opportunities to take the lead. Final score 4-2 to Cowbridge.

*A team players: Alexa Browning, Alice Rees, Catrin Roy, Annabell S, Amelie Clode, Tilly Gough, Emma Jones, Kate Floyd, Imogen.*

Next up were Cowbridge B team. We had two B teams, each played half a game each. B team one took to the court first and played some lovely netball.

The game was very even with both teams defending and attacking well throughout. Lowri made some brilliant interceptions in the first half to slow down Llantwit's attack.

Brilliant work and passing from Sydney and Maisie in the middle provided the shooters with the chances to score.

We missed some key opportunities to get ahead and therefore finished the first half 2-2.

Cowbridge B team two were next up and they took over from B team one. Similar to the first half, both teams were evenly matched with both taking the ball from one side to the other.

Tabitha and Lauren V worked excellently together in the middle quarter to feed the ball from defence to attack.

Consistent shooting by Emily H evened the score with one minute left on the clock; unfortunately, Llantwit scored in the last second to win 5-4.

*B team one: Izzie Gibbon, Megan Hascol, Elin J, Maisie W, Lily Gibbon, Lowri, Sydney New and Penny R. Man of the match: Maisie Wheaton. B team two: Emily H, Tabitha, Milly R, Lauren V, Molly, Livvy C, Grace G, Seren R, Morgan D and Sophie V. Man of the match: Lauren Verrecchia.*

# Barry & District league latest results and tables

**CRIB DIVISION 1:**

Cadoxton Cons 9, Liberals 6; Wyndham Cons 11, Moors Boys 4; West End Runaways 9, Rhoose Social 6.

League table: Wyndham Cons 37, West End Runaways 30, Liberals 28, West End 24, Cadoxton Cons 22, Rhoose Social 20, Moors Boys 19.

**SKITTLES DIVISION 1:**

SeaView B 6, WestEnd C 1; Allsorts 6, Rhoose Social C 1; Slammers 0.5, King William XII 6.5; Rhoose Social A 3, Cambrian Flyers 4; Rhoosters 2.5, Barries Boys 4.5; Rhoose Social B 5, Rugby Club 2.

League table: Sea View B 19, Rugby Club 14, Liberals A 11.5, West End D 10, Rhoose Social A 10, West End C 8, Allsorts 7, King William XII 6.5, Rhoose Social B 6.5, Rhoosters 6.5, Slammers 6.5, Liberals C 6, Cambrian Flyers 6, Barries Boys 5.5, Rhoose Social C 3.

**SNOOKER DIVISION 1:**

Savoy A 4, Cadoxton Cons B 1; Rhoose Social C 1, Market Street C 4; Rhoose Social B 3, Cadoxton Cons Z 2; West End C 2, Harbour B 3; Penarth Cons B 2, Caddy Allstars 3.

League table: Savoy A 15, Harbour B 14, West End C 11, Wyndham Cons A 8, Rhoose Social C 8, Caddy Allstars 7, Cadoxton Cons B 7, Market Street C 7, Penarth Cons B 7, Rhoose Social B 7, *Cadoxton Cons Z 5.

**SNOOKER DIVISION 2:**

Cadoxton Cons A 3, Wyndham Cons D 2; Savoy B 2, Market Street B 3; Liberators 4, Sully Sports A 1; Penarth Cons A 4, West End B 1; Services Social B 3, Wyndham Cons C 2.

League table: Liberators 14, Penarth Cons A 11, Services Social B 11, Wyndham Cons C 11, Market Street B 9, Cadoxton Cons A 8, Savoy B 7, Sully Sports A 6, West End A 6, West End B 6, Wyndham Cons D 6 (* = points deducted).

*All league & cup fixtures and results at www.barryleagues.co.uk or on Facebook - search for 'barry leagues'.*

**JW**

# Blast from the past – 1987 by Brian Lee

**AS my point-to-point blasts from the past have proved popular with readers, or so they tell me, this time we go back to 1987, the year Cowbridge farmer John Llewellyn retained his Welsh riders' championship.**

This was also the year that the Vale's Philip Williams rode his first winner in five years and under the heading 'Brave Philip Wins' I reported: 'Philip Williams rode his first winner at the Ystrad Hunt Point-To-Point since breaking his back in a fall five years ago.

'Riding Keith Pritchards' *Knock on the Head* in the restricted open, the 33-year-old auctioneer from Tonyrefail came with a well-timed challenge to win by three lengths after being slowly away. In the adjacent, *Amsam* the 20-1 outsider of three gave 19-year-old Vivian Hughes his first winner.

'*Polrone*, ridden by John Llewellyn, refused to start and the odds-on favourite, *Murray's Gift* fell when leading at the eighth fence. Tim Jones, who rode *Murray's Gift*, notched-up a double with *Loch Raven* in the men's open and *Sweet Rascal* in the Maiden.

'*Loch Raven* was winning over the Llantwit Major course for the third time.'

It is interesting to note that Heather McCaul who took the ladies' open race on *Nun Owen* is now a leading flat race trainer. The 11-year-old *Nun Owen* was owned by Cyril Hughes and qualified with the Monmouthshire Hunt.

This was also the year that Abergavenny farrier Andrew James, now sadly confined to a wheelchair after a race riding accident, rode his first winner under rules at Newton Abbot on Ron Astle's *Ron Canello,* a 33-1 outsider which made every yard of the running. Paul Hamer of Coychurch near Bridgend was in good form at the Llandeilo Farmers' Point-to-Point. He took the adjacent on *Rogamaja*, the men's open on *Immortal Man* and the restricted on *Atlanta Lady*. Vivian Hughes won the members' on *Patouche* and Sally Lewis the ladies' open on *Chicas Beau*.

Rhondda farmer's daughter Shan Morgan, of *Mandryka* fame, rode her first winner in two years with a 33-1 victory on her father's *Shirley Creppella* in the restricted at the Tredegar Farmers.

Katherine Smith-Maxwell took the members' race on *Pining* and Tim Rooney the adjacent on *Savage Sally*. The ladies' open went to Carol Lee on *Royal Missile*.

Carol's husband Richard has since trained two Welsh Grand National winners at Chepstow. John Llewellyn was successful in the maiden on *Jump To The Beat*. Keith Huntley's *Katesville* was a good winner under Caerphilly's Tim Jones in the men's open.

Jones was also in good form at the Torrington Farmers meeting and I wrote: 'Gwent point-to-pointer *Sweet Rascal* was an impressive winner of the restricted open at the Torrington Farmers. Confidently ridden by Tim Jones of Rudry, *Sweet Rascal*, who is qualified with the Curre Hunt, won by two lengths from *Kyme Warrior*. A former inmate of Milton Bradley's Chepstow yard, the grey *Sweet Rascal* is owned by Mike Clutterbuck.

'In the women's open race Tim's sister Pip Jones, riding John Parfitt's *Eggington*, failed by three lengths to catch *Majetta Crescent* ridden by Carol Lee. But Pip went away happy in the knowledge that she had won the Grand Marnier female novice riders' championship award.

'Pip, who rode five winners during the season, beat three English riders who had four winners apiece. Four of Pip's wins were on *Eggington,* the horse which gave her her first winning ride at the Llangibby the previous season.'

Another 20-1 outsider of three to win that season was *Shepherd's Walk* who, at the Carmarthenshire with David Jones in the saddle, took the restricted race and it was at this meeting that Bridgend's Jon Tudor won the maiden race on *Hey Sonny* and Treorchy's John Parry-Keen the adjacent on *Bunky Star*.

I also reported the death of Magor horse racing trainer George Williams, aged 72. 'He took out a permit to train racehorses 55 years ago and was believed to be the country's longest-serving permit holder.

'His well known green and black colours were seen on racecourses up and down the country and last year, at his favourite Hereford track, he saddled the 20-1 winner *Hayakaze*.

'He had an uncanny knack of winning races with old horses and when their racing days were over, he pensioned them off at his Magor farm.

'He was well known in Welsh point-to-point circles and this season had several horses qualified with the Llangibby pack.'

George always had a friendly word whenever I saw him and his son Alan has carried on the tradition by training and owning horses ever since.

And under the heading 'Llewellyn Retains His Title' I wrote: 'Cowbridge farmer John Llewellyn retained his Welsh Riders' Championship when landing a double at the Llangibby Hunt Point-To-Point Steeplechases with *Jump To The Beat* and *Miss Daffodil*. The former won by three parts of a length from ex-Grand National runner *Another Duke*.

Some racegoers thought Llewellyn who, at 40, is riding better than ever, had won the men's open on *Purple Haze* – but the judge thought otherwise and announced that *Megiddo*, ridden by Paul Hamer, had beaten *Purple Haze* by a short head.'

*Does anyone remember a Cardiff-born blonde called Abigail Richards who was apprenticed to Gavin Pritchard Gordon, and who won a number of races for him in the 1980s?* Roysia Boy *was one that she won on at Haydock Park when she was aged 20.*

# MARGARET LIFTS THE BP TROPHY!

***Pictured is championship winner Margaret Matthews of BP Ladies, who recently won the trophy in a field of strong competition.***

# DELYTH'S HUNTINGDON SUCCESS

**ABERKENFIG'S Delyth Thomas was full of praise for her young rider George Blackwell after he had won the Purebred Arabian Stallions' Handicap at Huntingdon last week on her 17-year-old Roches Du Cayrou who, after leading throughout, held on by a short head to beat the favourite Samuring Zayin.**

Delyth, a former successful rider herself, who has been saddling winners for years, said: "George is a rider who is certainly going places and I predict a good future for him."

Roches Du Cayrou is just one of the Arabian horses that Delyth has won with this season and stable star Noble Athlete, who has won six times at Hereford Racecourse, recently chalked-up his 13th success.

George's father, Steve Blackwell, who hung up his riding boots at the age of 39 in 2001 owing to a shoulder injury, started his race riding career by riding a winner on the flat in the 1970s.

The highlights of his race riding career were riding a winner at Cheltenham, the spiritual home of steeplechasing, and riding a four-timer at one of the Welsh border point-to-points some years ago.

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# The clinical Cowbridge Firsts run in eight tries!

**LAST Saturday Cowbridge First XV entertained Old Penarthians in the first round of the Swalec Bowl and managed to score eight tries, winning 55-12.**

In the early exchanges it was nearly all Old Pens but Cowbridge were clinical on the counter and on eight minutes classy young centre Ashford Thomas jinked through the defence and accelerated away for a try he also converted.

The second came from scrum half Rich Howson with a Gareth Davies-style snipe for the line with Thomas adding the extras. On 25 minutes Old Pens drop kicked out of their 22; hooker Luke Adams, back in the green strip, went on a 25 metre run, scattering defenders before passing overhead to supporting second row Lloyd Stock to race away for a converted try.

On 30 minutes from a strong scrum captain Huw Lougher at fly half broke upfield; centre Will Williams made 30 metres before offloading to full back Rhys Allin, whose magical feet bamboozled the defence and he crossed for a try that started 65 metres out.

Left wing Aaron Glasser got on the scoresheet as the ball was moved through the hands for a converted try. Old Pens got their reward with a converted try for their winger, but right on half-time Lougher gathered a bouncing ball to cross for a converted try and half-time score of 40-7.

Eight minutes into the second half and Old Pens lost their No 8 to the sin bin and Ash Thomas put over the penalty that followed.

Minutes later, from a great scrum, a run by powerful wing Duncan Evans saw him slip a pass to Howson to jink through for a converted try.

Cowbridge rang the changes with both wings replaced and Tom Larkin and Luke James coming on. At the mid-point Old Pens got their second try when their second row crossed. Steff Kitchen was the final change for Cowbridge.

The last score followed a kick upfield; wing Larkin ran back hard and released Will Williams to outstrip the defence and finish a move that started 55 metres out. As well as good running, there was some excellent defence by the team in an all round performance.

After this enjoyable game the club was full as the excitement went off the scale with the pulsating, nerve-shredding theatre of England v Wales where... well, we know what happened! Good luck again to Wales today (Thursday) against Fiji in what is sure to be another very tough game.

*This Saturday the first XV are away to Glyncoch, while the youth are at home to Rumney; both games kick off at 2.30pm and all support, as always, would be most welcome.*

**RV/RK**

# Golfers out in force for charity!

**SATURDAY, September 26, saw the fourth annual Llancarfan Charity Golf Day in aid of the Cerys Potter Foundation was held at Cottrell Park Golf Club.**

Golfers of all standards were thrown together in a Texas Scramble to see who would be champions and hold the bragging rights for the next 12 months

There were a number of competitions throughout the day; Steve Vink won the nearest the pin on the eighth hole and Maureen Bowen triumphed at the straightest drive, just pipping her playing partner Jane Williams and her husband Aubrey.

The winning four ball were also the best dressed, so congratulations to Nick Crane, Aubrey Bowen, Bobby D and John F. It was a close-fought match with three teams all within a shot of each other; after the game we went back to the Six Bells in Penmark to watch the World Cup rugby.

We'd like to thank the organisers – Matt, Rich, Steve and John, to Mark and James at the Six Bells for prizes and hosting us.

*Finally we'd like to thank Cottrell Park for organising a fantastic event that brought together members of the community and raise in the region of £300 for a charity that is very dear to us all in Llancarfan.*

**JF**

# Close matches in the fours competition...

**ON Tuesday, September 22, the Farmers Arms and the Old Post hosted the first rounds of the fours, a four-player team knock-out competition.**

Some excellent darts was played with Martin Thomas (Edmondes B) hitting a 180 (three treble 20s) and Joan Smith (Farmers Arms) hitting a 171 (three treble 19s).

At the Farmers Arms the two victorious teams were the Edmondes C (Mark Dowling, Steve Huish, Noyle Burt, Richie Williams and Marc Lassimer) and the Six Bells (Tony Gratton, Lisa Gratton, Kimberly Gratton and Tim Lewis).

At the Old Post the two victorious teams were the Edmondes B (Martin Thomas, David Thomas, David Cheal, Paul Butcher, Martin Gaffney and Jonathan Cheal) and Llanharry (Gerry Austin, Mike Newble, Tony Denscombe and Lee Davies). These teams will now meet in the semi-finals to be played at the Farmers Arms on October 13.

*Present league standings, after one match, are: Edmondes A and Highwayman Inn (6 points), Farmer's Arms and Six Bells Inn (5), Llanharry and Hare and Hounds (4), Edmondes C and Old Post Ladies (3); Edmondes B are on zero points but are yet to play a match.*

Next week, Tuesday, October 6, there is a full programme of league matches. The Edmondes B hosts the Old Post Ladies, Llanharry hosts the Highwayman Inn, the Farmer's Arms hosts the Edmondes C and Six Bells Inn hosts the Edmondes A; the Hare and Hounds do not have a game.

*All matches start at 8.15pm and spectators are welcome. For further information e-mail Paul at cowbridgedarts@gmail.com; up-to-date information can be found on the website: www.darts.apsn.co.uk.*

**PJT**

*Winning golfers Dai John, Bryan Owen, Brian Jones and Gareth Perkins.*

# Society take a trip to the Brecon Beacons

**MORLAIS Castle Golf Club, a challenging moorland course set in the surroundings of the foothills of the Brecon Beacons with magnificent scenic views, proved an ideal venue for the recently held monthly meeting of the Glamorgan Farmers' Golf Society.**

Playing for the Arthur John & Co Cup and also for the quality prizes made available by generous sponsor Mr Dai John, the day's competition was keenly contested with just four stableford points separating the top five contestants.

Leading the field with 31 stableford points was former Whitland warrior Bryan Owen, whose distinguished rugby career playing in the centre or on the wing drew much attention at the time from the bigger clubs and which is well documented.

Selected to represent both Cardiff University and The University of Wales eventually led fitness fanatic Bryan to play first class rugby with Penarth and Newport before ending his career with Cowbridge.

Runner-up with 30 points was former point to point jockey Gareth Perkins followed in third place by Society captain Brian Jones, regarded as the best uncapped prop forward in Wales. Taking fourth place with 27 points was another former star of Cowbridge Rugby Club, Dai John, whose 'big hits' playing as prop or in the second row are still talked about - surely a call from Warren Gatland would not be such a surprise!

Nearest the pin on the Llanerch Vineyard sponsored par three holes were Raymond Thomas and Tony McCarthy. Martin Edwards hit the longest drive on the selected hole to win the Bear Hotel, Cowbridge sponsored prize with offspring Mark Edwards taking the honours in the section for guests when scoring 30 points.

Veteran member Aubrey Thomas correctly guessed 46 balls would fail to return home to collect the Premier Turf sponsored bottle of whisky which also raised £50 for the Macmillan Cancer support Charity.

Society members are now looking forward to their annual tour which will be staged in the Torbay area starting today (October 1) when they visit Dainton Park Golf Club just outside Newton Abbot.

Competing for the David Evans [Agriculture] Ltd Trophy, this 54 hole competition will also include visits to Torquay Golf Club on Friday, October 2 and to Churston Golf Club for the final round on Saturday October 3.

**T.McC**

# Cowbridge Reds cruise a victory in the Cup

**ON a beautiful Saturday morning, Cowbridge Town Reds travelled to Sully to play Sully Scorpions in the first round of the under-12 Junior Cup.**

The Reds, captained by Akka Guwy, kicked off and immediately went on the attack. The home team defended robustly but the Reds soon started to get the better of the midfield battle and impose themselves on the game.

After 10 minutes Craig Tapsfield opened the scoring after a well-timed pass from Ruben Davies. The Reds scored again soon after from a corner kick which was well converted by Ben Cooke.

As the Reds midfield started to dominate, Ruben scored his first of the day, quickly followed by his second and then completed his hat trick, to make the score 5-0, shortly before the referee blew for half-time.

The Scorpions started the second half positively but quickly lost the ball to Harry Treharne, who made a mazy run down the left beating numerous Sully defenders before placing the ball past the keeper into the far corner.

Shortly afterwards Harry again went on another driving run before laying the ball off to Benji Mulcahy who opened his account. Benji scored again minutes later following a free-flowing length of the pitch move to make the score 8-0.

The Scorpions were then rewarded for their persistence with a consolation goal from a corner kick and had another attempt at goal shortly after which was well saved by Aron Kempson.

A neat one-two between Benji and Ben saw Benji get his third of the day and the final goal came from Steffan Evans making the score 10-1 to the Reds shortly before the final whistle was blown.

Credit must be given to the Cowbridge boys for picking up the gauntlet laid down by the Scorpions, who, experience has shown, are a tough side to beat.

The Reds remained professional to the end, playing some very attractive football and they look forward to a next round tie against Holton Road with confidence.

*Squad: Finlay Ball, Ben Cooke, Tom Collingridge, Ruben Davies, Steffan Evans, Akka Guwy, Rhys Hardman, Will Harries, Aaron Holcombe, Aron Kempson, Tom McCarthy, Toby Mallett, Benji Mulcahy, Ifor Rees, Craig Tapsfield, Harry Treharne.*

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# Bridge results

**RESULTS for the Vale of Glamorgan bridge club for September 28:**

1st Marjorie Morris & Linda Pinnock 67.56%, 2nd Marion & David Stephenson 63.69%, 3rd Mike Best & David Birt 61.01%.

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# Penybont in six-goal thriller

**PENYBONT travelled to Llangeinor for their third South Wales youth league match of the season and were held to a 3-3 draw in a six goal thriller where the lead changed hands on three occasions; Penybont had a squad of 16 for the fixture.**

Penybont made a fast start to the game and caused the home side some early problems. With just five minutes on the clock, Penybont opened the scoring through captain Ben Davies who headed home a superb Robert Symons free kick to give Penybont an early lead.

But, unfortunately for Penybont, their lead only lasted a few minutes after Llangeinor equalised when one of their players smashed a cross into the right hand side of the goal. After this early goal-fest, both sides struggled to retain the ball which led to minimal chances for both sides.

However, Penybont looked the more dangerous side, particularly down the left hand side of the pitch where Robert and Matthew Symons linked up well on many occasions to trouble the homeside. Then against the run of play, Llangeinor took a 2-1 lead into half-time as a consequence of Penybont failing to clear their lines.

Penybont were unlucky to be losing and controlled the majority of the second half by limiting Llangeinor to few clear cut opportunities.

An equaliser was getting closer and soon came through substitute Callum Littlejohns, who made an almost instant impact by pressurising the Llangeinor goalkeeper into a mistake, which resulted in Callum scoring an equaliser for Penybont.

Penybont were now firmly on top and took a well-deserved 3-2 lead when a dangerous run into the box by Robert Symons set up Oliver Waagenes to calmly slot the ball into the back of the net.

But the pivotal moment of the match came when Llangenior once again responded well to going behind and equalised within minutes of losing their lead, when one of their players was unmarked in the penalty area and had a free shot on goal which ended the match all square.

Overall, Penybont could have won this match on another day and were unlucky not to come away with all three points.

**TOM PROSSER**

# WALES' RUGBY WORLD CUP BID IS ON COURSE

*Rorke's Drift defiance overcomes the odds*

# Depleted Wales withstand White heat and 'all for one' spirit wins through!

*Above, Gareth Davies stuns Twickenham to silence with his try. Centre, Dan Biggar applies the coup de grace. Above right, the celebrations begin.* Pictures by Huw Evans Agency.

## BACK PAGE COMMENT
by Don John

***"WELCOME to the biggest game in Rugby World Cup 2015 – the whole rugby world has been waiting for this!"*** **– came the stadium announcement, as over 81,000 spectators (most of them home supporters in white) took their seats at an expectant Twickenham on Saturday evening.**

**An extravagant claim, perhaps, for what after all was just one pool match among many in a global contest that includes the likes of second-ranked Australia and champions New Zealand and had no immediate bearing on the final outcome still over a month away.**

**But this was England versus Wales – a full-blooded clash between two arch rivals which for drama and excitement was worthy of the World Cup Final itself – such was the nail-biting intensity of a pulsating, edge-of-the-seat encounter that surely rivalled anything that had gone before in 127 meetings since the first one on February 19, 1881.**

**It was also the defining moment when head coach Warren Gatland's injury-ravaged Welsh team would finally come of age and boys became men in the white heat of a truly heroic, backs-to-the-wall, Rorke's Drift effort that saw them win through 28-25 – literally against the odds.**

**The bookies, the London-based media, and even some doubters at home – had written off Welsh chances and made England overwhelming favourites.**

**For if the previous week Wales had been giant Goliath facing the boy David (Uruguay), this time the situation was completely reversed facing a dominant England side that from the outset, and indeed for two thirds of this game, looked as though they were going to pummel a decimated Wales team off the park.**

**…Ah, but not quite, for this was the night a wounded red dragon breathed fire and defiance – epitomised by man-of-the-match outside half Dan Biggar, who time and again coolly silenced the thunderous taunts of '***Swing low, sweet chario-ot'* **rolling around the stadium, and kept Wales in the hunt with an immaculate kicking display whenever they threatened to be overwhelmed by the English juggernaut,**

**Before the home team was known, Wales' defence coach Shaun Edwards had warned that England posed a potent attacking threat:** *"They can hit you in all ways with electric backs and can play expansive rugby, but they can also go through the forwards with a mauling game. We will have our hands full."*

**And, in truth, the latter was the case throughout a grim first half, which saw the tournament hosts totally dominating the set piece and loose exchanges, and with an outmuscled Wales desperately fighting a rearguard battle for territory and possession.**

**They had gone into this must-win pool A clash already cruelly hit by an unprecedented injury toll of key world class players, including influential centre Jonathan Davies, kicking ace Leigh Halfpenny and player of the year, scrum half Rhys Webb. Alas, the injury jinx struck again, with gifted full back Liam Williams (only recently returned from injury) impressive centre Scott Williams and young wing Hallam Amos, all forced to leave the field – leading to a drastic player reshuffle – with replacements coming on to play out of position.**

**By the end, the battlefield resembled a casualty clearing station – prompting Gatland to comment that he was** *"fast running out of players"* **– as the Welsh camp counted the cost of a remarkable victory that is destined to go into the annals of Welsh rugby lore.**

**It had been meticulously plotted and forged by Gatland hundreds of miles away from Twickenham during the summer – at punishing 'boot camps' in the blistering heat of Qatar, on the rarified heights of the Swiss Alps, and in the infamous cryotherapy 'ice chamber' at their Vale Hotel base – to achieve optimum physical fitness and mental conditioning.**

**However, as Edwards intimated, fitness *per se* is not enough – more is required to win Rugby World Cups.**

**Last week this column concluded…***"There is something in the all for one, one for all spirit in this depleted Welsh camp that could yet see them confound the cynics" (at Twickenham).*

**It was this unquenchable spirit that shone through and ultimately was the difference between the two sides.**

**How else to explain how a group of players so decimated and disrupted by injury could not only withstand such immense, sustained pressure from one of the World Cup favourites, but in the closing minutes turn the tables and snatch victory at the death – thanks to Biggar's unerring boot and one moment of inspired awareness?**

**It came as replacement Lloyd Williams, a scrum half playing out of position on the left wing, broke away down the touchline, looked up and cleverly chipped inside to waiting scrum half Gareth Davies, who adroitly gathered the ball off his toes and dived under the posts for a try converted by man-of-the-match Biggar. This matched opposite number Owen Farrell's tally and cancelled out Jonny May's try to level the score at 25-25.**

**He then applied the *coup-de grace* with a monster kick from halfway worthy of Halfpenny himself.**

**There was time for one last moment of high drama when England unaccountably spurned a penalty chance that would have levelled the match. They opted instead for a kick to the corner, line-out and drive – but were unceremoniously bundled into touch by a ferocious 'they shall not pass' Welsh counter shove.**

**Fittingly, Biggar it was who brought proceedings to a close with a lob out of play as the final whistle sounded – to a roar of absolute delight from the vastly outnumbered Welsh supporters in the stadium, multiplied tenfold in pubs and clubs across the land!**

**It was a day when, in the immortal words of Max Boyce, those of us who who were privileged to be present were proud to say – *'I was there!'***

**Of course, this is not the end of the story for bruised and battered Welsh bodies that have had barely four days to recover before having to face the dangerous Fijians at 4.45pm in the Millennium Stadium today (Thursday) in their third pool match.**

***After Saturday's heroics, few doubt that they will be up to the next challenge and this time they will have their '16th man', the home crowd, spurring them on!***

**WALES TEAM TO FACE FIJI**

***Matthew Morgan (Bristol Rugby), Alex Cuthbert (Cardiff Blues), Tyler Morgan (Newport Gwent Dragons), Jamie Roberts (Harlequins), George North (Northampton Saints), Dan Biggar (Ospreys), Gareth Davies (Scarlets); Gethin Jenkins (Cardiff Blues), Scott Baldwin (Ospreys), Tomas Francis (Exeter Chiefs), Bradley Davies (Wasps), Alun Wyn Jones (Ospreys), Dan Lydiate (Ospreys), Sam Warburton (Capt - Cardiff Blues), Taulupe Faletau (Newport Gwent Dragons).***

***Replacements: Ken Owens, Aaron Jarvis, Samson Lee, Luke Charteris Justin Tipuric , Lloyd Williams , Rhys Priestland, James Hook.***

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